

Cambridge Newmarket Road Scrapbook 1897 to 1990

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Newmarket Road

1897 03 01

Mr B.W. Beales has the pleasure to announce that he has disposed of the business carried on for many years by him as a brewer and wine and spirit merchant at the Panton Brewery in this town, to Messrs Harold Barber Bailey (son of the late Mr Frederick Bailey, of Burleigh House, Newmarket Road) and Herbert Hazeldine Tebbutt, the continuing partner in the late firm of Robinson & Tebbutt, and the business will in future be carried on by these gentlemen under the style of Bailey & Tebbutt

1897 04 02

Row on Newmarket Road, p2

1897 06 21

Such has been the general progress during the Victorian era that it is difficult from the point of view of today to recall the Cambridge of 1837. In the year of her Majesty's accession but few houses stood on the marshy spot which we now know as the populous district of New Town. There were a few residents in Newnham and some scattered dwellings in the neighbourhood of New-square while beyond on the Newmarket-road lay Barnwell of historic note. Chesterton, as a part of Cambridge, was confined to the outgrowth of the town in the neighbourhood of Castle Hill and a plan of the town stops short at the Mill-road corner of Parker's Piece. In 1837 the population would be about 21,000. Recently it has been estimated at over 50,000.

1897 06 23

The festivities in Cambridge (for Victoria's Jubilee) were inaugurated on Monday evening with a cyclists' lantern parade and a more successful commencement it would have been difficult to suggest. Over a hundred cyclists attended by far the greater portion being in costume or having their machines decorated. The cyclists assembled in the Priory Grounds, Newmarket-road. A large crowd gathered in the neighbourhood and hailed with applause the decorated machines as they approached. The first prize for the best decorated machine was awarded to Mr Dunn who had made his machine represent the Indian jungle. A deer's head was shown from the front of the machine in the middle of grasses and evergreen, while behind, monkeys sported among the ferns and vegetation. Mr Dunn himself was attired in the garb of a hunter.

1897 08 02

Messrs Gain, Moyes and Wisbey offered for sale the Shakespeare Brewery, Newmarket-road, Cambridge and 15 freehold licensed inns, public houses and beerhouses. Lots commenced at £500 and rose rapidly - in the case of the Red Bull, Barton Road to £2,050. Other prices included The Shakespeare Brewery and Inn (£2,000), The Greyhound, Lt Wilbraham (£800), The Bakers' Arms, Fulbourn (£950), The Railway Inn, Harlton (£725) and The Cherry Tree beerhouse, Swaffham Fen (£600)

1897 11 06

Carter Jonas offered for sale by auction the important freehold property of the Fen Ditton Hall Estate, comprising the fine old manor house known as "Ditton Hall", Ditton Meadows on the Long Reach, the Home Farm at Fen Ditton and 402 acres of land. Three lots on the east side of Ditton Lane, each containing 1 acre of land were sold for £325 and three acres fronting Newmarket Road realised £220. The Fen Ditton Hall, with 72 acres of grass land known as Ditton Meadows found several bidders but the property was bought in at £4,000 and several small plots of grass land adjoining were withdrawn

1898 10 19

Mr Langford, of Newmarket Road, Cambridge sustained serious injuries as the result of an attempt to stop a runaway horse. The infuriated animal, which was attached to a cart, took fright on King's Parade and continued its mad career in the direction of King's College. On reaching the college

entrance, the runaway attracted the attention of Mr Langford who rushed up, and seizing the reigns, succeeded in bringing the horse to a standstill. The suddenness with which the animal was brought up caused it to swerve and one of the wheels of the vehicle passed over his face, which was very badly cut.

1899 02 16

Mr Slingsby drew the attention of Cambridge council to the want of public conveniences. He thought the present state of affairs was a disgrace and a scandal to this civilised and intellectual town. They should consider underground lavatories for males and females at Hyde Park Corner (under the shelter), Market Hill (under the Conduit) & at the junction of East Road and Newmarket Road.

1900 01 18

Messrs Headley & Edwards told an inquiry that Cheddar's Lane afforded access to the brickyard belonging to Thoday and Co. Ltd who were large employees of labour in Cambridge and a very great deal of the traffic passed between the brickyards and Newmarket Road. As a result the lane was in a very bad condition.

1900 08 29

The Star Brewery applied for a licence for a new hotel which it was proposed to build in close contiguity to the new railway station which the Great Eastern Company were building at Newmarket. The station would be one of the architectural features of the town and it had occurred to those who catered for the public that if a station of that magnitude was to be erected, there should be a hotel worthy of the station. The Brewery had secured the services as architect of Colonel Edis, who had prepared the plans of Sandringham House. It would be in the Georgian style with a red brick front and would contain eight bedrooms. The company would give up the Lamb Inn licence and the provisional licence for a new hotel near Warren Hill station. The licence was refused.

1900 09 04

Those who now assemble to witness the ancient ceremony of proclaiming Stourbridge Fair can guess to what extent its glory has departed. The fair has dwindled down to almost the level of the village feast. At one time business and pleasure stalls extended from the railway bridge to East Road and down to the river's edge on Stourbridge common. The custom of proclaiming the different portions of the fair is still religiously observed – the leather fair, the hop fair, the wood fair and so on, when no such exist or are likely to be revived. The Toll Collector broke down a portion of the fence dividing Newmarket road from what was in years gone by part of the fairground, and hurled the portion of broken fence on to the now cultivated ground thereby signifying the right of the Corporation to that ground for six weeks. This concluded the ceremony and the Mayor and town officers departed.

1900 11 26

On Saturday the Inns of Court Mounted Infantry joined the Cambridge University Rifles in a field day on the Newmarket Road. The tactical scheme presumed that a convoy from Newmarket was desirous of entering Cambridge along the main road through Quy and south of Fen Ditton. The CURV were told to attack, capture, hamper or destroy this convoy. Most interesting operations followed with cyclists, horsemen and infantry all fully employed. As dusk set in the convoy seized its opportunity and slipped past. The public schools and town and local corps were unable to attend at the last moment as their rifles had been called in for Government inspection.

1901 02 18

An outbreak of fire occurred at the works of the Cambridge Brick Company, situated between Coldham's Lane and Newmarket Road on the outskirts of the densely populated district of Barnwell. The fire attracted large crowds and the flames, aided by a gentle breeze, spread rapidly, soon mounting in the air a distance of about a hundred feet. In just over two hours everything had yielded to the flames and all that remained was the damaged and broken parts of the valuable machinery. Fortunately the conflagration was confined to the corrugated iron roofed wooden building covering the machinery or the entire works could easily scarcely have escaped destruction

1901 11 22

The 32nd anniversary of the Theatre Royal Barnwell Mission, Newmarket Road, Cambridge was celebrated. Three private boxes had been prepared for the comfort of those who attended the meetings, the building frequently containing over 1,000. If the theatre had been altered when it came into their possession it would not have done a tenth of the good it had done. By keeping it in the original form they get people who would not attend an ordinary place of worship. They had introduced lantern services, which had caused prejudice, but people were very nervous about any new form of service.

1902 03 22

Sir – A beautiful permanent memorial of the Coronation year would be the building of a bridge at De Freville Avenue. The Avenue is planted with elm trees on each side, the houses are all substantially, and some very tastefully, built; they are all set back and have flower gardens in front, making a very attractive approach to the proposed new bridge. It would provide a safe road for children attending the best Cambridge schools and provide the nearest way to Newmarket Road and the Railway Station, thus benefiting labourers, working men, college servants etc. The more bridges there are built over the river the more surely you bind communities together to the advantage of both Cambridge and Chesterton – F.R. Leach

1902 04 11

Sir – Cambridge council propose to erect a clock tower at the end of Station Road as a permanent memorial of the coronation. There are other places more suitable. The Four Lamps on Newmarket Road would be better and a great convenience to Barnwell and Chesterton. But why not erect a statue to our departed Queen, Victoria? This could be done by the removal of the present dirty drinking fountain and replaced by one more useful with the statue to her memory – Charles Hoppett

1902 08 12

All day the great mass of silk which was presently to make a journey to the skies was a source of deep interest. Around Parker's Piece where the balloon was taking its huge meal of 32,000 feet of coal-gas were rings of spectators. Slowly the gas inflated the silk, the aeronauts loosened the ropes and the balloon rose from the grass a graceful pear-like shape. After settling the final details Spencer gave the word for the two passengers to jump aboard, then with a startling rapidity the balloon leaped up and was soon several hundred feet above the earth. It first travelled in the direction of Hills Road but then, caught by a current of wind, sailed over to the Newmarket side

1903 05 20

Another prosecution for driving a motor car at excessive speed was brought before magistrates. PC Connell said that on Easter Monday he was on duty near the 50 mile stone on Newmarket Road when he saw a motor car occupied by three gentlemen being driven at great speed. When the car passed he noticed the time, then mounted his cycle and followed after the car to the next milestone near Worcester Lodge where he conferred with PC Bugg and found the mile was completed in 110 seconds, which worked out at the rate of 32½ miles per hour. The driver was fined £1.

1903 06 03

The new municipal cemetery, which Cambridge Corporation has prepared on Newmarket Road, was opened for interments. In anticipation of the time when the general public will regard burial more from a sanitary than from a sentimental point of view, a part of the ground adjoining Ditton Lane has been reserved for the erection of a crematorium. The first interment was a child named Alfred Willet Whitmore; the coffin was borne by six young ladies and Mr Ellis Merry was the undertaker.

1903 08 10 c

Sir – Barnwell is not a “most miserable part of Cambridge” but a neighbourhood inhabited by respectable working people; there are whole streets of bay-windowed respectable residences occupied by shopmen, clerks etc who work in the centre of the town. I will admit than on Newmarket Road, a

district about a mile in length, cursed by about twenty public houses, there are a few poor cottages, but chiefly where the pubs are thickest – A Barnwell Tradesman

1903 10 06

From certain events that occurred in Shamrock Passage, Newmarket Road, Cambridge recently it appears that the virtues of the flat-iron as an aid to argument continues to meet with dangerous recognition. One woman adopted this method of silencing her neighbour who was rendered insensible. Complainant: "She flew out of the house, shouted 'You old ---, take that'. I went down and remember nothing afterwards. Defendant: "When I came home you was wonderful drunk ... you kicked me and 'busted my door open"

1903 11 21

A growing demand for the stone, marble and granite objects with which the memory of the dead are perpetuated indicates an expansion of business for those who provide these melancholy tokens. Messrs Ivett and Reed have found their premises on Mill Road and Regent Street inadequate and have opened a new branch on Newmarket Road, appropriately near the new cemetery. The premises consist of a dwelling house and show-room and are built of Bath stone with a portico supported by two graceful Corinthian pillars. Inside is a chimney-piece of statuary marble upon which delicate-looking foliage is represented in the Italian style

1904 04 21

Cambridge Paving Committee received a memorial from a number of residents in the Hobson Street area calling attention to the present state of the carriage-way. They directed the Surveyor to report the cost of paving the street with wood blocks, together with the portion of St Andrew's Street from the tramway terminus. But Hobson Street was used by very few people; traffic was not half what it used to be and as the trams were likely to be electrified it would be better to wait. However a great amount of traffic came from Newmarket Road to the centre of town down King Street; very often there was a great block of traffic in Sussex Street because it was dangerous to go down Hobson Street where the pebbles were very uneven. Traffic went on dropping, and business went on dropping, simply because the street was so badly paved

1904 06 28

Newmarket Road Tabernacle, p3

1904 07 02

Newmarket Road cemetery, p3

1904 10 01 c

William Chapman, a travelling hawker and umbrella repairer at present staying in a caravan at the Butcher's Arms, Newmarket Road, Cambridge told magistrates a man had asked to drink out of his mother's glass. When she refused he'd used bad language and struck his wife who called out "Bill run quick, there's a man a-beating of me". The man, tripped him up, got on top of him and bit his arm. Defendant, a pedlar who was staying at the pub, said he was under the influence of drink and was sentenced to a month's imprisonment with hard labour. Police said they would make a full report on the condition and management of the pub.

1904 12 07 c

The anticipation of the probability of distress in Cambridge some weeks ago, before the wintry weather came to give a keener edge to hunger and a more painful and sharp reminder to the poor of their inadequate resources in food and clothing, was widely discussed but was felt to be unduly magnified. The Town Council vetoed a proposal to supply aid to the unemployed. But Miss Wilson of the Nursing Institution on Newmarket Road began to undertake the provision of free dinners to which the children of poor parents resort for their midday meal of soup and bread. "We give the children as much as ever they can hold", she said. Boys in pitifully ragged garments and decrepit old women and

little girls with starvation all too plainly written on their features come with jugs to take soup home to those unable through illness or lack of clothing to come themselves

1904 12 22

A clay gas pipe has been dug up in Newmarket Road. It is probably one of those used when coal gas was first introduced to Cambridge about 1836. Previous to this oil gas was manufactured by John Grafton from works in Staffordshire Street and found considerable favour with inhabitants until about 1830. Six years later he began to manufacture coal gas; there were only two small gas holders and by 1848 only 400 street lamps. Now the Cambridge Gas Company supplies 1,160 public lamps in the town alone

1904 12 31

For some time Miss Wilson and her hard-working band of ladies have been daily allaying the pangs of hunger in hundreds of little children and their mothers in the Newmarket Road area of Cambridge by giving them free dinners. Now their effort is brought to an end. Not only are the financial resources exhausted but the staff have physically worked themselves out. But on the very day that these free meals cease the CDN Shilling Fund commences its distribution of tickets for food, fuel and clothing, continuing the work they have been compelled to give up. Subscriptions continue to come steadily in with cheques from Messrs Starr and Rignall photographers, Moore and Company tobacconists and the Cambridge Waterworks Company

1905 06 15

The whole of the Duchess of Westminster's missing jewellery has been discovered in Cambridge including a very valuable pearl necklace and twenty diamond brooches. Police arrested a Cambridge man formerly employed as a night watchman at Grosvenor House; they then went to a house in Priory Road and to a field up Newmarket Road where the jewellery was found. 05 06 15a

1905 07 18

The new Cambridge cemetery on Newmarket Road is nothing less than a small farm with oats, wheat and barley covering over 20 acres. As yet very few interments have taken place and years must elapse before graves encroach upon a great expanse of the site which would otherwise be lying unproductive. The crops have a very promising appearance and will produce a profit for ratepayers 05 07 18a & b

1906 01 06

Last night's gale was one of the most severe within living memory. Great damage was done all over Cambridge. On Newmarket Road a tall chimney at the brickworks began to sway violently and then fell with a tremendous crash. The large trees at the Backs suffered considerably; five were uprooted and blown into Queen's Road. During the morning numbers of poor people were busily engaged in taking away the portions they could carry for firewood. Two children took away a branch of considerable weight using a pair of wheels taken from a perambulator 06 01 06d-e

1906 02 08

We deeply regret the death of Harry Cotterill Stearn of the famous Cambridge photographic firm. He asked to be laid at rest in the new cemetery, Newmarket Road, 'within sound of my work' – the commotion caused by the University boat races where for many years his slight figure has been familiar to successive generations of undergraduates. 06 02 08a

1906 03 21

Since 1886 the parish of St Andrew the Less has theoretically been richer by the sum of £5,299 through the munificence of Frederick Bailey, a well-known brewer who resided at Burleigh House, Newmarket Road. Up to the present the riches have conferred no practical benefit but now a scheme has been formulated and income will flow to the relief of poor residents. There is also to be a commemoration service on his birthday. Now a poor parish will receive a substantial charity and the memory of a generous benefactor will be kept green for many an age. 06 03 21a & b

1906 05 12

Stourbridge Fair was once very important but now was of very small dimension. The council took a toll of 4d for each horse, 2d for each pony and 1d for a cow. They also got money from the roundabouts and shows, making £33. But they had the expense of opening the fair, which meant a couple of carriages. Most of the fair was held on the side of Garlic Row but now there was a scheme for bringing a road right through from the Newmarket Road. Mr Banyard had started to erect some house and wanted to stop fair people putting their vans upon his ground. 06 05 12c &d

1906 08 25

Newmarket Road was the scene of a demonstration which proves that whatever the morality of a district individually, collectively it is on the side of strict morality. The people who incurred the displeasure of the neighbourhood were the objects of a considerable amount of hustling in the streets and a crowd gathered in front of their house beating tin kettles and similar utensils. 06 08 25a

1906 11 16

The Compensation Authority considered claims for premises closed under the Licensing Act. They included a beerhouse at North Brook End, Steeple Morden, The Plough at Comberton, the Red Cow, Landbeach and Carrier's Cart at Lt Shelford. Potton Brewery said they would lose £275 if the licence of a beerhouse at Heath Road, Litlington was taken away but accepted £240 as compensation. However Benskin's Watford Brewery refused £251 for the Sun in Newmarket Road, Cambridge. also Stapleford Dolphin, Waterbeach Haunch of Mutton & Plough & Horses, Sawston – Flower Pot, Willingham – King William IV, Bottisham Plough, Soham Queen's Arms and Old Brewery 06 11 16a & b

1906 11 17

Licensing compensation – Sawston Flower Pot, Cambridge: Newmarket Road Sun, Honey Hill Beehive; Willingham King William IV – 06 11 17 a & b & c

1906 11 19

For many years it has been the custom for men employed in the various bakery businesses in Cambridge to hold an annual supper known as the Bakers' Clem, provided through the generosity of the master bakers and millers. This year 70 men and boys sat down to a substantial meal at the Star Tap, Newmarket Road after which songs were sung 06 11 19

1907 04 02

The name of Fred Karno is synonymous with mirth and hilarity, his pantomimic sketches are popular everywhere. Two are being staged nightly at the Hippodrome, Newmarket Road which he has specially transformed into a comfortable music hall. Last night the place was crowded 07 04 02

1907 07 27

Sir - On Thursday afternoon 89 motor cars passed over the Newmarket Road to London and the average speed was 40 mph! It is not at all uncommon to see them travelling between 60 and 85 miles per hour, exceeding the fastest train. Motorists fly past knowing that often the dust is so great that the number plate is obscured – 'Farmer' 07 07 27

1907 10 12

When Sanger's Circus marched into Cambridge from Newmarket, a roadman was sitting by the side of the road near the 'Paper Mills' devouring his breakfast. The observant eye of one of the elephants was quick to perceive this, and stretching out his trunk he 'commandeered' the poor man's basket, which contained his dinner as well. 07 10 12b

1907 11 05

A brewer's drayman was fined for hawking beer. An Inland Revenue officer said he saw a boy stop a cart belonging to William Pegg, brewer of Newmarket Road, and say "They want you over there", pointing to some men engaged in harvesting. The man had taken them a gallon jar off the cart for

which he received one shilling. It was extremely unfair to sell beer that way as it took away from the custom of those who were legally entitled to sell it. The brewer said he had told the drayman not to sell beer without an order; the brewing business was a hobby of his and he would not be intentionally guilty of an illegal practice. 07 11 05 & a

1908 03 12

In the St Matthew's area of Cambridge are many public houses and the poverty of small homes threw the young people into the streets in search of amusement. There were thirteen different buildings in which social evenings and gymnastic clubs were continually held throughout the week. But some young men find infinitely more pleasure in racing through the streets and hooliganism. A boys' club at the Barnwell Theatre Mission or the Coffee Tavern on Newmarket Road would be worth trying. 08 03 12b & c

1908 04 16

Newmarket Road cemetery was too expensive, ratepayers claimed. The land had cost four times what adjacent ground had fetched, the walls were crumbling and the cottage built of the poorest bricks so the papers hung in strips inside. There were four greenhouses and a kind of chapel where part of the service was held – all of which had to be heated. A number of beds had been planted with bulbs and expensive flowers whereas herbaceous plants would do quite well. A number of people visited on a Sunday bringing children who played in the open space, but it should not be a recreation ground. 08 04 16

1908 08 14

Newmarket roads, speed of motors – CWN 08 08 14

1908 09 18

Last year Cambridge magistrates granted eleven occasional licences for the period of Stourbridge Fair. But this year they have been reduced to just six, three for the horse fair and three for the pleasure fair. They are to the landlords of the Dog and Pheasant, Birdbolt and Burleigh Arms on Newmarket Road, The Ship in Princess Street, Empress on Thoday Street and City Arms, Sturton Street. CWN 08 09 18 p3

1909 09 25

If the safety of England can be gauged by her miniature rifle clubs, then England must be safe indeed. Everywhere these little societies of keen shots have been springing up like mushrooms and nowhere has been more prolific than Cambridge. The latest club meets at the Bell Inn, Newmarket Road and already has a membership of 50. They would learn not only to hit the bull's eye at practice, but in times of dire necessity to shoot straight at other targets and so keep their land intact in case of invasion. CWN 09 09 25 p3

1908 11 06

The Cambridge District Nurses moved into their new home standing in its own grounds on Newmarket Road. Designed by W.M. Fawcett and built by Coulson and Lofts, it has a smart exterior appearance. Facing the road is the entrance to the surgery with the dining room, and kitchen with sitting rooms for the Superintendent and nurses on the first floor together with four bedrooms and another three on the second floor. The building is lighted by incandescent gas and fitted with electric bells. CWN 08 11 06 p5

1908 12 04

Cambridge is not too well supplied with private nursing homes for the treatment of medical and surgical cases so the Priory Nursing Home almost opposite Christ Church, Newmarket Road, is welcome. It stands in grounds of nearly an acre with a garden sloping down to the river, isolated from the throb and vibration of traffic in one of the healthiest spots in Cambridge. A sense of comfort pervades the rooms and lurks in the corners and it seems hard to realise one is in a place associated with sickness and physical discomfort. 08 12 04

1909 01 22

The new Abbey miniature rifle range opened in the grounds of the coffee tavern at 158, Newmarket Road. The eight targets, which can be set and returned for inspection by a winding mechanism, are illuminated by incandescent gas burners and the building is absolutely fireproof. It is hoped to build a pavilion and to have an open-air range in the summer. The district can now boast of two clubs, the other being at the 'Bell'. 09 01 22

1909 02 19

The gallant band of old soldiers who fought in the Crimea and the Indian Mutiny gets smaller every year. Cambridge man James Gray died in the workhouse, where the poor are so well looked after and was buried at Mill Road cemetery. There was no time to arrange for a military funeral but Captain Heal sent a large Union Jack to be placed on the coffin. Four members of the Territorial Force volunteered to act as pall bearers but assembled at Newmarket Road cemetery. On realising their mistake they drove to Mill Road which they reached just after the sorrowful ceremony had concluded and the mourners had left. 09 02 19

1909 09 24

An explosion occurred at the Cambridge Gasworks on Newmarket Road. Two men working on the top of the beds of the retorts were badly cut but managed safely to descend a ladder to the ground. Covered with tar and bleeding profusely they were conveyed in a cab to Addenbrooke's Hospital. One refused to be put under chloroform whilst his injuries were dressed as that would necessitate his detention in the Hospital. CWN 09 09 24

1910 03 04

By the death of Charles Stearn of Brookfields Cambridge loses one of its few Crimean veterans. He was born at Barrington and joined the Cambridgeshire Regiment in 1846 with whom he fought at the Alma where at least 1,400 men lost their lives. At Inkerman the Russians came right up to the bayonets and the Russian dead numbered six to each Englishman. After a couple of years in the Crimea the Regiment was sent off to Canada where their boat struck a rock off Newfoundland and went down in half an hour. He had his wife and youngest son on board and got them into the lifeboats with difficulty. Later he was landlord of the Seven Stars on Newmarket Road CWN 10 03 04j & k

1910 07 08

A foreigner, accompanied by a performing bear, stopped to refresh himself and his animal at the Bird Bolt public house, Newmarket Road. Sitting down on some straw next to another man the alien proceeded to break up a loaf of bread he had bought. The bear, who was held by a chain round his foot, evidently thinking the other chap was going to receive its share of the food, clawed hold of the man's leg and then sprang at and clawed his shoulder. The owner showing remarkable promptitude in pulling the animal off but. A performing bear badly mauled the landlady of a public house in Hertfordshire on Saturday. 10 07 08bb

1910 10 07

The scheme for extending the Borough boundaries so as to include Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and the urban portions of Grantchester, Trumpington and Fen Ditton was formally launched. The boundary with Chesterton is an imaginary line running down the centre of the river which presents legal difficulties over dredging. The river is used by member of the University for rowing but most of the boathouses are on the Chesterton side. The Corporation own a cemetery the parish of Fen Ditton. They have constructed a sewer and laid water mains along Newmarket Road and the land will no doubt be used for building. 10 10 07e & i & j

1911 03 10

A collision occurred between a motor van belonging to Messrs Lever of the Port Sunlight Soap Company and a motor car (CE 1037), at the junction of East Road and Newmarket Road. The back wheel of the motor car struck the back part of the van with the result that the front axle and steering

gear were bent and the speedometer damaged. A spoke was broken from the nearside back wheel and a bolt smashed out of the hub of the wheel of the motor car. Fortunately the damage done was not very serious and no personal injuries were sustained. 11 03 10c

1911 07 28

Manure heap fire Newmarket Road – 11 07 28b  
Fire manure heap back of Old Priory Tap, Newmarket Road 11 07 28m

1912 01 19

Thomas Askham was one of the oldest and best-known of Cambridge tradesmen. As a young man he worked for Thomas Hunnybun, the coach builder of Sidney Street, and then founded the coach builder businesses on Newmarket Road, Regent Street and a house in London. But as the motor industry grew, there was less for him to do and he had to employ fewer men. Jointly with Mr Tudor, he built the Hippodrome on Auckland Road, of which he was proprietor at his death. Before the era of the picture palace this place of amusement was exceedingly popular and provided many with healthy enjoyment who would otherwise have been walking the street. 12 01 19c

1912 02 23

In 1898 a number of men in the neighbourhood of Newmarket Road decided to form an allotment association to acquire land that the Co-operative Society were relinquishing. 12 02 23f

1912 09 13

A serious accident occurred to an employee of Messrs Watts and Son, timber merchants, on Newmarket Road. He was working at his tile machine when he caught his right hand in the gault knives, which drew his arm into the machine. His fellow worker was able to stop the machine at once. Drs Naish and Pain were called and it was found necessary to chloroform him and take the machine to pieces before the arm could be extricated. He was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital where the arm was amputated speedily. He is doing as well as can be expected 12 04 26e

1912 10 25

Messrs King and Harper's magnificent new motor garage and showroom in Bridge Street is one of the most commodious in the Eastern Counties. It has accommodation for over 100 motor cars and several hundred motor cycles, there is a large stock of new and second-hand machines and the workshops are completely equipped with up-to-date plant driven by electric power. It is on three storeys with an electric lift capable of conveying the largest car to the top floor in a few seconds. The architect is Sidney French and the builder J. Brignell of Newmarket Road. 12 10 25

1912 12 06

The Cambridge Home of Mercy (Female Refuge) afforded women who have been following a sinful court of life a home where they may be usefully employed and instructed in religion. The Mission House on Newmarket Road provided temporary shelter for girls and women while inquiries were made, then placed them in homes and situations. It was unfortunate that men led women astray and women led men astray and the blame must be borne by both. The girls were grateful to be rescued; one who had led a notorious and openly evil life had married and now leads a respectable life 12 12 06e

1913 03 14

Cambridge pubs – Newmarket Road - Bird Bolt; East Road, Shakespeare; Norwich Street – Norwich Arms; Cambridge Place – Three Pigeons; Fitzroy Street – Old English Gentleman adjoined Wesson's Brewery and had been in the Wesson family for 70 years. The accommodation was good, the rooms were spacious, lofty and airy. It had a good bottle and jug department, a good bar, billiard room, smoke room, cellar and bedroom accommodation.

1913 06 06

The former manager of Lacon's Cambridge Brewery told the bankruptcy court he had purchased licensed houses as ventures on his own account as a way of increasing the brewery's business. But the Black Swan and the Sirdah in Cambridge lost money, as did the Victoria Bar in Newmarket and the White Horse at St Ives. He was a Town Councillor and Guardian and had been extravagant 13 06 06 p9

1913 10 03

P.C. Thirkettle told that court that while on Newmarket Road he received a complaint from Mrs Manning, a stall-keeper on the fair ground, that her stall had been entered and she had lost a toy fire engine, three rubber balls and a quantity of chocolate cream and butterscotch. A 20-year-old painter from Stanley Road had admitted to stealing the engine. He said he rolled up the canvas from the bottom. He'd produced one of the rubber balls but said he only took two butterscotches. He'd not been in trouble before. He was fined £5 13 10 03 p8

1913 10 10

Christ Church, Newmarket Road, has undergone a much-needed transformation. An ugly roof of matchboarding has been decorated, the east end has been enclosed by panelling which will form two new vestries and the stone work of the pillars, hitherto painted brown, has been restored. The cumbrous pulpit staircase has been brought under the gallery, giving space for the choir stalls. It gives a feeling of lightness and beauty to a church hitherto not marked by these characteristics, with evident regard to modern taste 13 10 10 p8

1913 11 14

Public houses compensation awards: Melbourn Tailors Arms, Over Sow & Pigs & Black Horse, Dry Drayton Five Bells, Gamlingay Three Horse Shoes, Elsworth Three Horse Shoes, Bourn King William IV, Girton White Horse, Cottenham Red Lion, Willingham Black Lion, Shakespeare Newmarket Rd

1913 11 28

John Conway told the Inquest he was a mat-mender of no fixed abode, lodging at the Butcher's Arms on Newmarket Road with the deceased who was the wife of a travelling musician. They had enjoyed a little jollification on the way home and she was under the influence of beer. When they woke in the morning she said she was cold. He put a coat around her and got twopennyworth of rum which she drank. Soon after she frothed at the mouth and died later. There was no question of foul play. 13 11 28 p8 CIP

1914 03 20

Exciting scenes were witnessed when a man escaped from custody at the bottom of Wellington Street, bolted up the Newmarket Road, crossed the G.E. Railway and got beyond the Rifle Butts on Coldham's Common before being recaptured. Many people followed the fortunes of the chase for a considerable distance. A rag-and-bone collector has been arrested but managed to wriggle out of the constable's grasp and bolt off. After leading police a pretty dance he was handcuffed and conveyed to the police station. Officers were subjected to a considerable amount of shouting and booing from the crowd. 14 03 20c

1914 03 27

Death of ex-Sergeant Carter. — We regret to record the death of ex-Sergeant Samuel Carter which occurred at his residence, 61, Newmarket Road, at the age of 70 years. Mr. Carter was a native of Melbourn and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carter, of the village. Up to the age of 20 years, he followed the occupation of a farm labourer with his father and joined the Borough Police Force in 1863, ultimately retiring in 1895 as a Sergeant after 32 years' faithful service. On his retirement from the force, Mr. Carter was appointed custodian of the Botanic Gardens and remained in that situation up to the time of his death. He has also been on the staff of the New Theatre since its opening in 1896

and his face will be missed at the pit door. In all, he has worn uniform for 51 years, which is indeed a record. - 1914 03 27

1914 04 24

Crowds of children lined Newmarket Road to see the King make his way to the Leys School. The vice-chairman of the Education Committee rode along the route on his bicycle to see the children looking happy and not at all tired. The NSPCC inspector was also on duty. A kindly gentleman was standing outside the Jolly Butchers entertaining the children with a cockatoo. The little ones laughed very heartily as the comical bird flapped its wings and laid down the law with its beak whilst conversing with its master. Presently a large Daimler car was seen. "Here comes the King" shouted someone and the shrilling cheering and waving of flags told those at Page's Corner that his Majesty had come

1914 04 01

Appeals for people to decorate their houses along the King's route to the Leys School were effective. Along Newmarket Road and East Road houses vary in size but an elaborate display of flags and bunting had been arranged. The favourite plan was a Union Jack hung from the bedroom window or bunting arranged along the window ledges, busineses were tastefully embellished while scores of streamers were hung across the road with a tremendous banner inscribed 'Cambridge Working Men's Club'. Many of the side streets made good displays

1914 07 24

The whole of the Watts' Timber Yard on Newmarket Road., including sawmills, drying sheds and kilns were destroyed by fire. The blaze started in the stoke hole from which flames spread to the engine room and brick-making shed adjoining. The saw-mill nearby, containing a lot of wood, was soon alight and the wind blowing from Newmarket Road swept the blaze to the drying sheds and kilns where workmen removed the bricks. The tall chimney was expected to fall at any moment but the gable end of the saw-mill fell outwards, just missing firemen standing beneath it. However sheds holding valuable stock of flooring boards were put out. 14 07 24 14 07 31

1914 10 09

Military roads - Stretham to Soham, one of four to allow different armies to move from west to east at same time without going through Cambridge. The first from Potton though Harston to Whittlesford and Pampisford and on to London Road near Hildersham. Sinuous road through Grantchester and Trumpington on to Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn and away on the Newmarket Road. Another down Huntingdon Road, across Midsummer Common and along Newmarket Road. Huntingdon, Wilburton & Stretham where new road would start. Newmarket RDC to make and improve road from Cam through Wicken. At one point there was a green track where the whole of the road would be constructed. At Wicken there was another piece of road about eight feet wide where flint would need to be pressed in. Through Wicken the road was a good second class decent road.

1914 10 16

Two military funerals took place from the First Eastern General Hospital at Trinity College. One body was sent in a coffin wrapped in a Union Jack to the station and put on a train to Durham. The railway expenses were generously defrayed by Nurse Keep. The funeral of other, Arthur Larkin of the Royal Scots, was held at Newmarket Road cemetery. He'd been wounded at Mons and the cause of death was tetanus. Bugler Royston sounded the 'Last Post'

1914 11 13

A double military funeral of soldiers who died at the 1st Eastern General Hospital took place at Newmarket Road cemetery. Both coffins were conveyed in one cortege. One was a Belgian soldier whose funeral service in the Catholic Church was attended by many Belgian wounded. The service for Ernest Thorne of the Coldstream Guards was held at Christ Church. He had been a fine strapping fellow standing over 6ft 3". His leg was amputated in France. Despite the fierce rainstorm many assembled at the cemetery where the soldiers were accorded full military honours and interred in separate graves. Meanwhile 200 more wounded soldiers arrived at Cambridge station. Reading and

refreshment rooms for soldiers have opened in Cintra Terrace. A gramophone has been donated but they would welcome presents of records

1915 09 03

Insurance act inquiry Dr Naish, Newmarket Road

1916 03 08

Military Isolation Hospitals – grave danger; men escaped Newmarket Road and plundered orchards, indecent assault; guards should be increased – 16 03 08f

1916 10 04

Won D.C.M. — Another Cambridge man to win battlefield honours is Company Sergeant Major Wm. North, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, who has been awarded the D.C.M. for bravery, having crawled to the German trenches and carried his Company officer, who was badly wounded, back to our trenches. Having done up his wounds he gallantly went back and led his company to the attack. C.S.M. North enlisted in the Regular Army in 1912 at the age of 18. He was formerly in the employ of Messrs. Headly and Edwards, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, and has been in France and Belgium for two years. He is well-known in Cambridge.

1917 03 07

licenses of pubs transferred from men serving in forces to their wives; objections to Spotted Cow, Northampton Street & Jolly Butchers, Newmarket Road – 17 03 07b

1917 06 13

Crosses erected over graves of those died in service buried at Newmarket Road cemetery – photo – 17 06 13a

1917 07 18

Jolly Butchers in Newmarket Road, 'Magpie & Stump' Chesterton and 'Sotted Cow' Northampton Street to close – 17 07 18a

1917 02 14

Gas Explosion,—A gas explosion under the floor of the bar of the The Jolly Butchers public house, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, caused a fire to break out on Thursday morning. The landlord, Mr. A. W. Hawes, had a narrow escape, for, although knocked down by the force of the explosion, he escaped injury. The cause of the explosion was apparently a leakage of gas, but exactly how it occurred is unknown. The gas meter was blown from its position, and three large windows and a quantity of glass in the bar were broken. The floor boards became ignited, and although the licensee took prompt action, he found it impossible to extinguish the flames with buckets of water, and so gave the alarm to the Fire Station. The firemen, with motor tender and escape, were speedily on the scene, and the fire was soon extinguished. An examination of the gas pipes failed to reveal from where the gas escaped

1918 03 13

Cambridge pubs referred: Earl of Durham, Newmarket Road; Johnnie Gilpin, Gold Street; Racehorse, Newmarket Road; Brickmaker's Arms, Newmarket Road – 18 03 13a

1918 07 24

Licensing meeting; Star Brewery's Racehorse renewed, Earl of Durham on Newmarket Road; Johnny Gilpin, Gold Street; Horseshoe, Fen Drayton; Swan with two necks, Swavesey; Garden Gate, Histon closed; Harvest Home, Oakington renewed – 18 07 24a

1919 03 12

Licences referred: do not renew Butcher's Arms, White Swan in Castle St, Corn Exchange Inn and beer houses White Swan Staffordshire St, Grafton Arms, Dog & Pheasant, Bird in Hand, Salmon on Newmarket Road; also Five Bells Cherry Hinton, Chequers at Harston and Bell, Histon – 19 03 12a

1919 01 01

Busy Day for the Mayor, — The Mayor of Cambridge (Mr. Ralph Starr) had a busy day on Christmas Day, when, in company with the Mayoress and their son and daughter, they paid visits to most of the institutions in the town, including the Borough Sanatorium, the Children's Home in Ross St. the Workhouse, Mill Road, the 1st Eastern General Hospital, York House, Newmarket Road, which is the Children's Home of the Chesterton Union and (in the afternoon) Addenbrooke's Hospital. At the hospital, the Mayor visited every ward, speaking kindly words of greeting and comfort to the patients, finishing up at the soldiers' (Bowtell) ward. This visit concluded the Mayor's programme and he returned home for a well-earned rest after what he described as a happy and pleasing experience.

1919 05 14

Child killed by explosion of a shell fuse on Newmarket Road; four others injured – 19 05 14f

1919 07 16

Licenses refused: White Swan, Castle St; Corn Exchange Inn, Grafton Arms, Salmon on Newmarket Road; White Swan, Staffordshire St; granted Butcher's Arms, Newmarket Rd, Bird in Hand, Newmarket Rd – 19 07 16a

1918 06 05

A Crying Shame. There are some people who are safely sheltered in this country at the expense of so much misery and suffering on the part of others to whom danger and the instant need of meeting it makes no appeal. On Monday evening taxicabs were hastening in bustling procession between the railway station and the hotels with packed loads of burly shirkers on their way to the racing at Newmarket, and at night the streets were filled with men whose very atmosphere was an offence to decency. We wish those in high authority to understand most emphatically that Cambridge protests against being made the dumping ground of such undesirables. It is urged that we must have racing in order to further the breeding of horses. Very good. What we are concerned with is that we should not, as a nation, foster the production of ruffians, and that is exactly what most conspicuously horse-racing does as at present conducted. Let the Government stop betting on the course as it stops betting and gambling in places within the meaning of the Act, and we venture to predict that horse-racing would be purged of its most offensive and demoralising accompaniments, and we should no longer be troubled at Cambridge with the presence of the hulking loafers who mark the arrival of a Newmarket week. How these men escape the military must ever remain a mystery.

1920 02 25

Cambridge Shelter for Girls established 1851 by undergraduates and occupied building in Church St; had workshop in Newmarket Road till temporarily closed in 1918 because of lack of a worker. Re-opened 1918 as first-aid station for women in distress; needs support – 20 02 25a

1920 03 06

Licensing renewals: Turnstile, Newmarket Rd; George IV East Rd; Queen's Arms, St Andrew's Street; Smith and Wheelwrights Arms, East Rd; Boot, King St; Dewdrop, Gwydir St; Tally Ho; Indian Chief, Chesterton

1920 02 04

Used Bad Language. — A rag and bone collector named Harry Edward Hall, of 204 Newmarket Road appeared before the Cambridge justices on Friday in respect to the use of words which are not used in the dictionary. Evidence was given by Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Brignell of Garden Walk, and the epithets of which they complained were conveyed to the magistrates in writing. Acting Sergt. Sirett

also gave evidence, and the defendant gave a denial to the charge. The magistrates having decided to convict, the Chief Constable (Mr. R. J. Pearson) proved a previous conviction for a similar offence, and that there had been numerous complaints concerning the man. A fine of 5s. was imposed, and defendant promised to pay the money during the week.

1920 03 03

Unconscious—Yesterday (Tuesday) morning an elderly man who formerly lived on the Newmarket Road, but who has lately been working away from the town, was found lying unconscious, and apparently in a fit, under a hedge at Brookfields, Mill Road. He was conveyed on the police ambulance to Addenbrooke's, where he received attention.

1920 05 12

Telephone Kiosks. — The Borough Council will tomorrow be asked to approve of the erection of telephone kiosks under the shelter at Hyde Park Corner, and near Sidgwick Avenue (or the side of Queens' Road). Suggested sites on the Newmarket Road (near Abbey Road) and on the public footpath on Mill Road (near Catharine Street) have failed , to secure the approval of the Paving, etc., Committee, and in the former case the Borough Surveyor has been asked to select a suitable position in Sun Street, whilst in the latter the Post Office authorities have been requested to obtain another site on private property. The attention of the Post Office authorities is to be drawn to the need of a kiosk in the Cambridge Without District and a request made for the erection of one at the junction of Cherry Hinton

1922 02 08

Licences of Volunteer in Green Street, Old Nag's Head Hobson St, Brickmaker's Arms Newmarket Road, Cross Keys in Saxon St held over – probably redundant – 22 02 08

1922 03 04

Det-Constable Abbott presented his report (to the Borough Licensing panel). He said the trade in beer of the Bird in Hand, Newmarket Road, was better than that of the Hare & Hounds which was 107 yards away. The next nearest house was the Crown in Wellington-street. Charles Byatt, the tenant, said he had held the licence for about 20 years. He was quite satisfied with the living he was making. Arthur E.W. Payne, secretary for Messrs Bailey & Tebbutt said the house had been doing four barrels a week. John W. Pate, architect and surveyor said he had produced plans to rebuild the premises as soon as the company took over the house in January 1919. The work had not been done owing to the difficulty in getting tenders from builders through lack of skilled labour and materials. Joshua Charles Newman, a builder, said the best part of the local skilled labour had been commandeered by the Government for housing schemes

1922 04 08

The designs of Cambridge town council to provide work for the unemployed by the construction of a road between Cherry Hinton and Newmarket road which had the sanction of the authorities have so far failed owing to what on the face of it appears to be a squabble between the committees concerned and the owners of property affected. It is high time something was done as at the present rate of delay - two winters have passed and a commencement has not yet been made - the unemployment crisis will be over before a pick or shovel has been set going. Meanwhile approaching £200 a week of ratepayers money is being spent upon relieving destitution caused by lack of work in Cambridge - "Table Talk"

1922 07 15

Something more than a talking-to ought to be administered to the boys who have committed so much wilful damage to the remains of the Barnwell Military Hospital adjoining the Newmarket-road just beyond the Cambridge Borough boundary. For some reason the boiler house and one complete section of the wooden hutments have been left, apparently totally uncared for, and are rapidly going to wreck and ruin. The site of the hospital, overgrown with weeds and littered with debris, forms a happy hunting ground for children who are able to get through the gap where the gates used to be. The

bolder and most mischievous of the boys have found the remaining buildings a tempting target for stones, and scarcely a pane of glass remains undamaged

1922 07 25

The principal new roads proposed as part of the Cambridge town planning scheme include a main road starting from Red Cross, on Hills Road, going approximately north to Newmarket Road at the corner of Fen Ditton-lane, divided into sections. Number 3 runs in a straight line as far as the old Newmarket railway line and then slightly curves into Mill-Road. There are two branches which both lead towards the station. It will be necessary to form a subway under the railway or bridge the line, unless this line, which at present is only used for storage of railway carriages, is done away with altogether

1922 08 05

The return of the Cambridge Mammoth Show to its old time variety and importance will recall to many minds the last occasion of its so presenting itself to the public. The gloom which rested over the Bank Holiday and show in 1914 will never be forgotten by those who experienced it. The megaphone calls in all parts of the ground for postmen to repair to their duty at once told the tale that war was regarded as inevitable, and that the mobilisation notices were to go out. On the following Friday Cambridge suddenly found itself an armed camp, through the arrival on mobilisation of the Sixth Division. One remembers the sight of the humble little shopkeepers on Newmarket-road coming out to greet the tired artillerymen and make offerings of fruit, sweets and cigarettes and the great wave of united purpose and offer of service which swept over Cambridge

1922 09 04

Monday morning Cambridge saw the performance of a very ancient ceremony - but a showy relic of more palmy days - the proclamation of "Ye Ancient Faire of Sturbridge". Shortly before mid-day the Mayor, accompanied by the Town Clark, the Bailiffs, the Mace-bearer and councillors proceeded to Barnwell Bridge for the first proclamation. Both side of Newmarket Road bore a sprinkling of small boys and others curious to see the ancient ceremony. Arrived at the bridge the party alighted from their cars and the Clark read the customary proclamation and new bright coins freely distributed, resulting in a wild scramble. The party next proceeded on to the Common by way of Garlic-row, turned round and repeated the proclamation at the old oyster house. The Fair will commence on September 25<sup>th</sup>

1923 01 06

Before the criminal business was commenced at the County Quarter Sessions Sir George Fordham said he would like to call attention to the state of Newmarket Road on race days. The danger to foot passengers was acute and scandalous and they went in danger of their lives. Cars were driven at a high speed and tried to pass one another. A case had come before the Royston bench when a young man had been seriously injured owing to a car suddenly coming out from behind a large lorry. It was a great and growing evil and the Home Office should consult as to some effective method of police supervision

1923 02 14

In the Divorce Court a Cambridge man petitioned for the dissolution of his marriage because of his wife's adultery. Three months after he returned to France from a leave in November 1918 he had a letter from his wife telling him she was expecting a child. In March 1919 he was demobilised and returned home and found his wife unwell. She told him there had been a slight mishap. On March 10th she became very ill and was taken to the hospital where she was delivered of a still-born child. He spoke to his wife on the subject and she admitted it and said that he was not the father. The correspondent, of Newmarket Road, admitted misconduct with the wife at Napier Street and several other places out-of-doors

1923 04 18

An interesting scheme with wide possibilities is embodied in the establishment of a co-operative dairy school by a committee of Cambridgeshire farmers, which was formally opened on Tuesday afternoon. In co-operation with the farmers, Cambridgeshire education committee have arranged for courses of instruction in cheese making and dairying to be held at the school, which is temporarily in premises on Newmarket Road. The instruction period will extend over four months, and the dairy will then be carried on by the farmers on a commercial basis. During that period the milk is being supplied by the farmers supporting the scheme who will take the cheeses

1923 07 28

The offer of the London and North Eastern Railway Company in connection with the acquisition of the site of the old Newmarket railway line for the purpose of linking up Cherry Hinton road with Mill road, Cambridge, led to a good deal of discussion at the town council. For many years they had tried to get the company to come to terms, so that they could join the Rock Estate with Romsey town. The line was the key of the situation, and there were great possibilities of development on that side of the town. Mill Road too was strangled at present. Councillor Ambrose hoped the negotiations would be conditional on some promise of a bridge or railway for the people to get to the station from the Rock estate

1923 07 30

Soon after seven o'clock on Sunday evening passers-by in the vicinity of Newmarket Road were somewhat surprised by the appearance of a saloon car carrying a wildness outfit. The aerial was comparatively large, and was suspended from two poles at either end of the roof. The sight was sufficiently rare to cause much curiosity and comment. A number of new inventions have been referred to in our wireless articles and it is easy to foresee that in a few years, far from being a novelty, no car will be complete without its wireless installation

1923 08 09

Sir - I would like to make a suggestion regarding the new traffic arrangements at the junction of the Newmarket Road, Jesus Lane, and the three other tributary traffic arteries at that point. It seems to me such a pity to rob our dear old town of Cambridge of a cherished sign manual viz. "The Four Lamps," a titular description of a point in the town becoming ever more known and used, which is spoken of by old Cantabrigians wherever they meet the world over. I always regretted the removal of the old four-armed lamp, ugly as it was. – Ex-councillor

1924 05 19c

Since the beginning of this month there has been on sale Cambridgeshire Cheddar cheese, made at the Cambridge milk and cheese factory situated in Newmarket Road. This is the outcome of the co-operative cheese making school run by the County Council in conjunction with the National Farmers Union. This new venture looks like providing a successful commercial proposition and forms a convenient means of disposing of the surplus milk produced in the district.

1925 04 25

In 1908 the County council started a programme of reconstructing the roads in the county, but they forgot about Cambridge. Nothing had been done apart from a few roads in the middle and it was only recently that they realised there were motors on the roads. Newmarket Road had been made up in the old way and in a few weeks potholes appeared. The problem was the motor traffic. The money that was being raised by motor taxation was being spent for purposes it was never intended to be spent on. They must have the money for the roads from the proper quarter, namely motor taxation.

1926 04 26

An inquiry was held into the provision of two underground public conveniences at the junction of Milton and Chesterton and Newmarket and East Roads where there would be an island in the middle of the road. The Inspector asked whether they had designed the roof to carry the weight of a heavy motor lorry; it would be a very simple matter for a lorry to jump a kerb on a foggy night as had

happened at Southend when people had been injured. He also raised the question of a convenience for women and the Mayor said the matter had been very carefully considered by the committee who were anxious to get on with the work as quickly as possible.

1926 07 17

The Star Brewery applied for the renewal of the licence of the Crown beerhouse in Wellington Street, Cambridge. There were seven fully-licensed houses and three beerhouses within 260 yards. They had lost the licenses of the Woodman's Arms & Crown and Anchor in Newmarket Road in 1907 & 1910, the Oxford, Crispin Street in 1916 and the Priory Tap in 1911. The brewery had rebuilt and brought the Crown up to date in 1914 but as the tenant's family increased the trade was neglected: It was not a good thing for a house of this kind when there was a lot of children running about.

1926 11 19

When the new Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road, Cambridge, opens on Monday a fresh phase in the history of the Drama in England will have commenced. Without destroying the principle of the old Theatre Royal, with its memories of the old Regency days, the promoters of this new venture have so adapted the building that it is the most modern and up-to-date in England. The new stage gradually merges into the stalls by a series of shallow steps, behind is a revolving middle stage backed by a raised and sliding backstage with the cylindrical cyclorama as its background. The lighting will be a special feature and the theatre will be warmed by a central heating system.

1927 02 21

A craze for driving cars lead to the appearance at Cambridge Police Court of two youths who were charged with stealing petrol and oil used while having a joy ride in stolen cars. Terence Gray of Gog Magog House said he had left his car at the Sun Street parking place, Newmarket Road, Cambridge; when he went for it it was missing. The Chief Constable said he had received numerous complaints from people who had left their cars there. The prisoner said: "I did not intent to steal it. I have a craze for driving cars. We have had three".

1927 04 30

A demonstration of a new British invention which insures motorists against tyre trouble was given at Messrs Saints' garage, Newmarket Road, Cambridge. The Otomatic Service is a powder composed of particles of raw rubber and cork and flakes of mica which is inserted into the inner tube of a tyre through the valve hole with a small quantity of liquid formalin and water. When the tyre is inflated and the car put in motion a thin film is distributed inside the tread which automatically seals any puncture which may occur. In event of a burst the inner tubes will be repaired free of charge for 12 months, no matter how numerous the bursts, provided they are not over three inches in length.

1927 05 07

The Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road, Cambridge has opened a roof garden. In warm weather there could hardly be anything more pleasanter than a meal on the roof preparatory to seeing the performance below and there is not the slightest doubt that it will be a great attraction to visitors. The view is not extensive, it is true, but the surroundings are novel and amongst undergraduates it will certainly be "the thing to do" as often as funds permit.

1927 05 11

The complete story of the Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road was told by Mr C. Harold Ridge to the Cambridge Rotary Club. It had sprung from the kindred interests of Mr Gray, Mr Prentice and himself. They had spent a couple of years in London searching for a suitable building to start a repertory theatre but regulations made it impossible. They considered Sheffield but eventually the Barnwell Theatre was taken. They wished to present some of the great number of plays which stood no chance of being publicly performed elsewhere. There was no room for actors who wanted to be waited on at the Festival Theatre. All were expected to make themselves useful, putting their hands to stage carpentry and before one performance were washing down the stage steps. They worked seven days a week and 14 hours a day, and everyone was frightfully keen.

1929 03 16

The new edict with regard to flying by undergraduates is well timed. Conington aerodrome is used by the Aeroplane Club and now comes news of a private aerodrome for Cambridge. Marshalls, automobile engineers of Jesus Lane are opening it shortly. It is on the main Newmarket Road less than two miles from Cambridge. There is a railway station 200 yards away and a 20-minute bus service connection. One hangar has already been erected and the whole site is about to be put down to grass. Marshalls are agents for the de Haviland Aircraft Company and already have their own demonstration machine ready at the aerodrome.

1929 11 16 c

The Royal Institute of British Architects has presented a bronze medal to be awarded annually for a building of outstanding merit erected in Essex, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. One of the conditions is that it must front to a street, road, square or court to which the public has access. Its first award is for the Rose and Crown public house on Newmarket Road, Cambridge designed by Basil Oliver and built by W. Sindall for Greene, King & Sons. A suitable tablet will be fixed to the building

1930 02 01

Architects, brewers and builders gathered outside the Rose and Crown public house on Newmarket Road, Cambridge, to witness the unveiling of a plaque proclaiming it one of the best buildings erected in East Anglia during 1928. They then adjourned to the very attractive club room for speeches. The Vice Chancellor said that Cambridge had a good tradition for good beer. When he was an undergraduate there was a college servant who sang: "I likes a glass of good beer, I does. It does you no harm, and does you a lot of good". 30 02 01

1930 06 16

By the courtesy of A.G. Marshall of the Newmarket Road Aerodrome, who placed a plane at the disposal of the C.D.N., our representative was able to secure a bird's eye view of the bumping races. "I could hear nothing of the general buzz which must be going on by the river, only the roar of the engine and the voice of my companion through the speaking tube. He tells me he is regulating his height so that we are well in gliding distance of a landing place all the time. I am very comforted – I should hate to drop on Jesus or a crew just making a bump", he writes. 30 06 16 & 16a

1930 07 15

An old Cambridge rag and bone collector sued a motorist for damages. She was pushing her handcart across Newmarket Road when the car ran into her; it knocked one of the wheels 'all to smithereens' and scattered her bags of rags in the road. She claimed loss of earning of one big bag of rags at four stone each day and had to hire another cart at two-and-six a week. The motorist, who said he was 73 and first began driving a year ago, alleged the woman had 'persisted in going on' and getting in his way. 30 07 17a-c

1930 08 30

There are at present 107 stablemen out of work in Newmarket and there is little chance of their being employed. The number will be seriously increased by reductions in Lord Derby's staff at Stanley House. It is by far the largest racing stable and has always been noted for its good treatment of the men. Frank Butters, the trainer, said it was a great surprise; it was not the fault of the stable but the heavy additional taxation which compelled the closure. 30 08 30a

1930 10 16

Five miniature golf courses are now in operation in Cambridge. There are Messrs Grays in Sidney Street and the octagon course in King Street. The Premier Hall, Old Chesterton, has added midget golf to its other attractions and the Newmarket Road has the course in the club-room at 'The Bell'. Its holes represent hazards encountered during a trip from 'Trafalgar Square' to 'The Oval'. The latest 18-hole course at the Belle Vue Gardens is all-weather and open-air. It features a howitzer gun and a

water jump and has been laid down by Capt Mullett who has constructed others in Vancouver and San Francisco. 30 10 16c

1931 06 12

A Cambridge motor firm – W.E. Harding of Seven Sisters garage, Newmarket Road – has been barred from trading with undergraduates by the Vice Chancellor. Under university rules tradesmen must notify tutors by the end of term of any debt exceeding £5 incurred by an undergraduate. But Mr Harding had not been told this. Only two other such notices have appeared within living memory. Now any student having any dealings with the firm may be suspended or rusticated. 31 06 12b

1931 07 03

The last vans, trains of tractors and heavy wagons have made their way from the Showman's Guild fair ground, Newmarket Road, bearing the dismantled remains of the devices which have thrilled thousands during the week. The Guild have eliminated the undesirables and shown Cambridge that travelling folk are as sober and industrious as the rest. Midsummer Common was more central but the only complaints were about the bus fares to the ground. 31 07 03a

1932 03 05

Justices approved a licence for the Vine Hotel proposed at the corner of Vinery Road and Coldham's Lane. Basil Oliver, the architect of the award-winning Rose and Crown on Newmarket Road would design it with a large dining which many workmen would use for lunch. Over 200 of the residents of new houses recently erected in the area had signed a petition in support. 32 03 05c

1932 09 02

Abbey United started their football campaign in fine style. Not only did they play their first match on their new ground but they won it. The ground is situated close to the former pitch at Newmarket Road and has been levelled and fenced-in. All this was possible through the generosity of the club president, Mr H.C. Francis and it was officially declared open by Mr R.J. Wadsworth. 32 09 02b

1932 12 23

Mr F. Plumby of Abbey Walk, who looks after the Cambridge Greyhound racing track on Newmarket Road, said he was at work in the middle of the track when a hare dashed on to it, closely pursued by a pack of harriers. It ran right round the whole 565 yards length of the course, and just as it reached the winning-post the dogs came up with it. It ran into the space reserved for the judge, and there the pack killed it. 32 12 23b

1933 02 03

Councillors heard that a common lodging house on Newmarket Road accommodated 16 or 17 lodgers without any sort of bathroom. But none of the users had asked for one. There were three girls sleeping in a small room separated only by a narrow wall from a room in which 15 men slept. This was not right: the language in a common lodging house was not always what it should be. It was time the council consider setting up a municipal lodging house for women as well as men. 33 02 03a

1933 02 03

Demolition orders were made in respect of houses in Wellington Passage, Sun Court, Smith's Gardens and Newmarket Road. Some were in such a precarious state they would not last much longer. But the people moved from slum dwellings just found accommodation in lodgings, which meant two families in one house. It would be no kindness to rebuild on the site of demolished houses. People should be moved to more spacious sites on the outskirts of Cambridge. 33 02 03d

1933 08 10

Cambridge is well ahead with its slum clearance schemes. In the Newmarket Road area there was a case for clearance near the Tabernacle but most of the people worked in the neighbourhood and if they were rehoused on the outskirts it would mean increased cost in getting to work. They had displaced 342 people and only provided homes for 218 of them: would the rest be put onto the street?

There was controversy over the fate of one old lady whose house had been demolished, but it was better than leaving her in a building so dangerous it might collapse and bury her. 33 08 10

1934 04 03

The Mayor and councillors performed the ceremony of 'beating the bounds' to mark the addition of additional areas to the Borough. They began at the east end of the cemetery grounds on Newmarket Road then toured Cherry Hinton before moving on to Trumpington where the new boundary begins on the town side of Long Road. Here the Mayor cut a light-blue silk ribbon before formally stepping into the new territory. Then after visiting the boundary a quarter of a mile beyond the L.M.S. railway bridge on the Shelford Road they were entertained to tea. 34 04 03

1934 05 18

Newmarket Amateur Cine Society, in only its second year, has accomplished a splendid performance by winning first prize in a competition organised by 'Home Movies and Home Talkies'. Their film was directed by Merrick Griffiths, with J.W. McGlone responsible for the photography. The prize consists of a gold medal and a 16 m.m. projector. 34 05 18

1935 03 07

S.A. Rolfe's wholesale confectioners and tobacconists business started 25 years ago in a very small way on East Road. Now it is the largest of its kind in the Eastern Counties with nine full-time travellers and 15 motor vans. New premises in Newmarket Road house an enormous variety of brands including chocolates from R.S. Murray and 'Classic' bottle sweets made by Messrs Parkes. Mr Rolfe was hailed as a hard-working and keen young business man who by sheer determination and grit had made his mark in his chosen trade. 35 03 07, 35 03 09 & a

1935 05 17

Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company needed to lay a main from their works in Newmarket Road to Cam Road. The first proposal was to lay it under the river but negotiations were opened with a view to the erection of a footbridge which would serve the Company and also meet the growing needs of the residents in the neighbourhood. The cost would be £4,000 of which the Gas Company offered to pay a quarter providing the skeleton of the bridge was provided during this financial year 35 05 17

1936 01 05

Cambridge has lost a well-known butcher in the death of Mr James Traylen, aged 82. Born at Oundle he had his first experience in the meat trade at Peterborough and came to Cambridge at the age of 20. He carried on his own business at 122 Newmarket Road until he retired in 1912 after which his two sons took on the shop. Mr Traylen spent much of his time after retirement in gardening. 36 01 05c

1936 01 28

The Air Ministry say it is very desirable that a new Cambridge municipal aerodrome site should be provided in the near future. Land at Milton had been recommended by Sir Alan Cobham but this would cost more than £33,000 and take at least two years to build. Messrs Marshall's existing flying ground at Newmarket Road is quite inadequate for present requirements and they could have a new site at Teversham ready in a year, councillors heard. 36 01 28b & c 36 01 30a

1936 02 22

Meadowlands Estate Newmarket Road, Cromwell Park estate – adverts 36 02 22c & e

1936 03 06

The Star Brewery want a new pub, The Golden Hind, on Milton Road, an area of 1,010 houses of which the majority had been built since 1927. It was not ribbon development but housing estates on each side and practically built up to the railway gates. King's Hedges Road would form part of the new Ring Road so further development might be expected there. If granted the brewery would surrender the licence of the 'Racehorse' on Newmarket Road and the 'Plume of Feathers'. The

Women's Total Abstinence Union opposed the application. Licence applications Elm Tree, Hare and Hounds & Dog & Pheasant. Licence of Bowling Green Chesterton transfer to new Golden Hind. 36 03 06

1936 05 15

Rose and Crown, Newmarket Road – Greene King advert – 36 05 15e

1936 10 13

The Housing Committee was told that over 170 people would be displaced by the demolition of buildings in Cambridge Place; the houses would have to be vacated within two months from the date of the clearance order. Plans would be drawn up to build 47 houses to re-home residents on land off Newmarket Road which the Council would purchase from G.P. Hawkins and W. Boyton for nearly £10,000. 36 10 13b

1936 10 16

Councillors had considered the erection of a municipal crematorium before 1900 and earmarked a piece of land at the cemetery on Newmarket Road. Now a private company had come forward and it was time to act. It would cost £12,000, including land, a chapel, furnace and accessories together with a garden of rest. Running costs were extraordinarily low. Quite half the senior members of the University who died were cremated and it would soon pay for itself. 36 10 16

1936 12 10

Thick fog invaded Romsey Town hours before it reached Huntingdon Road. Once it settled it did so in earnest and visibility was practically nil. Buses were reduced to trailing through the streets on the heels of the conductors and even they could not see their way properly: one stopped himself just in time from leading a No.106 into the pit on Newmarket Road. Where conditions were not quite so bad drivers 'convoyed' and as many as six buses were seen in single file. One conductor walked from Cambridge to Ely, leading his bus – and did the journey in 4½ hours 36 12 10a

1937 01 18

Fire broke out at English Bros' timber yard in Newmarket Road; soon timber stacks, some of them 25 feet high were blazing with over half-an-acre of crackling 70-foot high flames. The Gasworks were far enough away but at Nightingale's garage a number of petrol lorries were in the danger zone and were moved. All three of the Brigade's engines were called into service but it was 13 hours before they were able to return to the station. A timber-drying shed was completely destroyed, a saw-mill damaged and a lorry completely burnt-out. 37 01 18

1937 02 04

Magistrates received an application from the Star Brewery for the removal of the licence of the Garden Gate at Little Wilbraham to premises to be erected on Newmarket Road to be known as the Airport Hotel. However Lacons Albion Brewery asked for the removal of the licence of the Cow and Hare at Lode to a new pub to be known as the King George, also on Newmarket Road near the borough boundary. While they might regard one application with sympathy, two were out of the question and the decision was deferred. 37 02 04c

1937 03 05

Sir Alan Cobham, the world-famous airman, spoke in favour of a nine-bedroom Airport Hotel on Newmarket Road. Every Continental airfield had a hotel where accommodation was available in the same way as at a terminal railway station. A man had a terrible inconvenience when he landed at an airport and a first-class hotel was one of the amenities which was going to make people fly. A rival proposal by Lacons Brewery was withdrawn: people like Mr Marshall who were training pilots were doing a work of very great importance and entitled to reasonable facilities. 37 03 04a & b 37 03 051

1937 10 06

The famous Festival Grill has been reborn. Connoisseurs of good food and good wine need no longer journey to Newmarket Road as the Grill has opened in more commodious premises at the corner of Bene't Street and King's Parade. It has a new name, the Festival Restaurant with a new sherry and oyster bar which together with the restaurant under the direction of Toni, is first-class in every respect. Its delightful colour scheme of red, black and cream ensures the rooms are bright but not garish and it will become one of the best-known rendezvous. 37 10 06a

1937 10 15

The Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road reopened under entirely new management. The building has been redecorated and improved and will begin with what it is hoped will be a successful regime of plays, ballet and opera. Meanwhile the glamorous Marlene Dietrich's Technicolor film 'The Garden of Allah' is the principal attraction at the Regal Cinema while the Kinema presents 'The Princess comes across' starring Carole Lombard and Fred MacMurray 37 10 15

1937 12 15

E.M. Vinsen, Newmarket Road post office – advertisers – 37 12 15b

1938 04 20

Millions of tons of refuse have been tipped into the disused blue gault pit belonging to Messrs Watts and Son in Newmarket Road during the past 35 years. The Corporation and innumerable householders have dumped their rubbish there until an area of nearly two and a half acres has been filled to a depth of fifty feet. Now the tipping has got to stop. There is a grave danger that, in the event of a heavy rainstorm, part of the area filled in will be carried over a slender barrier and encroach upon the adjoining pit being worked by the Cambridge Brick Company. The blue gault is used for making bricks for the majority of local houses and is the best wearing material because of its remarkable durability. 38 04 20a

1938 05 03

W.M. Nightingale garage, Newmarket Road – advert – 38 05 30a

1938 05 30

S.A. Rolfe's wholesale tobacconist and confectioners business began in a very small way in East Road, in 1911. Now it is the largest in the Eastern Counties employing nine full-time travellers. In March 1935 they moved to Newmarket Road where the stock is kept in perfect condition and its 20 motor vans can be loaded completely under cover. They cover a territory reaching as far as Clacton, Frinton-on-Sea, Peterborough and Luton conveying tons of tobacco every day. All leading brands are stocked including R.S. Murray (chocolates and confectionary) and Messrs Parkes 'Classic' boiled sweets – Advert. 38 05 30b

1938 12 30

The new Cambridge Model Aircraft Club, formed to get model makers working together, held an exhibition at the YMCA including flying scale models of actual machines. They have been very lucky as the old Cambridge aerodrome on Newmarket Road has been generously loaned to them by Mr Marshall and already Mr Powdrill has recorded the longest flight with the 'Merlin', a model of his own design while the "Fairy Facular" built by Mr Hayden flew for over a minute-and-a-half from a hand launch 38 12 30

1939 03 24

Swann's Yard, Newmarket Road 'offensive trade' – rags & bones – 39 03 24b

1939 05 18

Jack Brignell carried on business as a builder and undertaker in Newmarket Road for over 40 years. He erected many large buildings in Cambridge but was recently mainly engaged on Council schemes such as the erection of the Coleridge Senior School. He was a county councillor and took a keen

interest in the Mill Road Infirmary, Salvation Army, Victoria Institution and Cambridge Brotherhood. He died on the eve of his only son's 21st birthday so a coming of age party arranged at his college, Sidney Sussex, has of course been abandoned. 39 05 18c

1939 05 27

A feature of the newly-finished ring road between Ditton Walk and Newmarket Road in Cambridge is a special track for cyclists, which is an innovation in this district – 39 05 27

1939 11 02

The Corporation want to construct a refuse-dump at Swann's brickyard, Newmarket Road. Their destructor could only incinerate two-thirds of the town's refuse and the remainder disposed of by controlled tipping. It was a deep disused clay pit and brick-making works and when filled a good part of the area could be added to Stourbridge Common. There were houses only on one side and it was quite remote. There would be a seven-foot high screen around the pit and the estimated life of the tip was ten years 39 11 02b

1940 06 20

More air-raid shelters approved for Newmarket Road similar to those on Christ's Pieces – 40 06 20b

1940 02 16

Mr. H. C. Francis. — A well-known County Council alderman, Mr. Henry Clement Francis, of Burleigh House, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, died in a Cambridge nursing home on Wednesday after a short illness. He was born in Cambridge in 1857. In 1876 he left the country to farm in Australia, staying there, save for a period of leave, until 1896, when he returned to England. After a year's work on an estate as agent, he became a director of the Star Brewery, Cambridge. The firm's fine horses were an especial interest of his; he used to supervise their care and their purchase, with results of which material evidence was the awards they won at local shows. In local government matters, and in many other ways, he did much for the Abbey Ward, where his helpfulness will be especially missed. One of his acts was to present to the Abbey Football Club their Newmarket Road ground. Of this club he was President. His local government work began in 1902 when he was elected to the Board of Guardians for the Abbey Ward. He was chairman from 1924 to 1925. In 1907 he was elected to the County Council, becoming an alderman in 1931. He served on many committees.

1940 06 14

Land in Trust. — Mr. Henry Clement Francis, of Burleigh House, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, who died on February 13 last, aged 83 years left gross estate of the value of £33,512 13s. 2d., with net personality £30,614 17s. 11d. Testator left Freehold land in the parish of Fen Ditton, now used by the Abbey United Football Club, to the Vicar of Fen Ditton and the Mayor of Cambridge, in trust to be used for football and for grazing and dancing, and if no longer required for those purposes, to sell the ground, and one half of the proceeds to be given to the Cambridge and District Nurses and one half to the Abbey Church.

1942 08 07

Sharp attack on East Anglian town, few casualties; fire guards prove their worth; the most intensive raid, only four people slightly hurt. A few HE landed on open ground where they did not damage except to one cow that had to be destroyed. Many houses sustained direct hits from incendiaries but fire parties had the flames under control and NFS pumps were soon in action. Mr Story said he had just taken his young child from its cot when an incendiary crashed through the rafters and on to the empty cot. In another outlying part a 'bread-basket' of incendiaries fell in the road and damage by blast was caused to shop premises. Incendiaries were also scattered over other streets and little piles of sand testify to the efforts of the fireguards. Here and there a hole could be seen in the rafters of houses where bombs had scored direct hits. Charred window frames and little piles of scorched furniture outside were further evidence. One air raid warden returned home to find the house adjacent to his had been almost completely destroyed by fire. The new phosphorous bombs were also dropped. [700

incendiaries dropped Chesterton, Unicam factory, Stourbridge Common Newmarket Road, Ditton Fields] – 42 08 07

1942 12 31

On Newmarket Road in 1918 there was training camp for Russians who were trained to take commissions – 42 12 31

American serviceman knocks down child in Newmarket Road – trial – 42 12 31

1944 01 31

Accident saw mill at Watts' Wood Yard, Newmarket Road – details - 44 01 31

1945 06 27

Cambridge and the balloon barrage: war work at the Gas Works – were 2,400 balloons. In 1940 supply of hydrogen became difficult and Cambridge approached as to facilities available such as blue water gas and steam or existing plant such as purifiers and gasholders. Was one of 19 sites selected and production hydrogen started early 1942, producing enough for 8,000 balloons. They brought down enemy aircraft over an East Anglian city. Output increased due large number balloons required for the flying bombs. Loads of long round steel cylinders on long trailers carried them. Ascents from Midsummer Common before the last war needed gas supplied from the Newmarket Road works by a main specially aid for the purpose. Recently have made nitrogen of very high degree of purity for Air Ministry – 45 06 27

1945 10 04

VJ Parties –Silverwood Close, Newmarket Road, Fallowfield, Fen Rd, Water St, Mowbray Rd – 45 10 04a

1945 05 25

Local P.O.W, Gunner E. C. Prevett, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Prevett, of 182 Newmarket Road, has returned home after three years in captivity. He was captured Tobruk in July 1942, and was in an Italian P.O.W. camp until Italy capitulated when he was transferred to Stalag 4C, whence he was liberated. Another Cambridge man has this week returned home from a German P.O.W. camp. He is Brd. J. Andrews, of 59 Ross Street, and has been a prisoner for nearly three years, being liberated from Stalag 18A. Previous to the outbreak of war he was in business with his uncle, Mr. W. Bell, butcher, of Ross Street. H.A.V. Clark, of 8a George IV Street, Cambridge, has returned home from Stalag XXB. He was taken prisoner on May 23 1940 at Boulogne. He is known as Nobby the Cook. News has been received by Mr. A and Mrs. Gurner, of 19 Willow Place, Cambridge, that their son, Sapper B. Gurner has arrived in England, and will be shortly at home. He was in Stalag 344 and was a prisoner five years.

1945 06 29

Motor Cycle Trials. — A Cambridge man who entered the Royal Tank Corps in 1934, and was a despatch rider in Egypt and the desert before the war, won the motor cycle trials recently held in Germany by the 79th Armoured Division. Over a course on Luneburg Heath, in Hanover, which contained eight stiff hazards, Lieut C. T. Mace, of 29, Garlic Row, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, came in first with a score of 194 points out of a possible 200. The trial consisted of two laps of a five-mile course, and was a severe test for both men and machines. Hazards included a long run through a sand pit, baptism in a water splash, and an arduous run through a muddy field.

1945 08 31

Repatriating Prisoners.— Among British troops who will be helping in the repatriation of prisoners of war from the Far East is Capt. Albert Cox, R.A., whose home is at 158 Newmarket Road, Cambridge. He leaves shortly by air for the Far East, and is one of a number of British officers and men, who, having been engaged on work at transit camps in this country, will now use their experience in repatriating men from Japan. Well known before the war as a singer, Capt. Cox is a former member of the Mackenzie School of Music,

1946 09 07

Squatters take RAF wooden dormitory huts Newmarket Road – 46 09 07

1947 07 05

"Sir - Living in Newmarket Road, Cambridge, in close vicinity to Christ Church I would like to ask whether this road is intended to make up for the now closed Brooklands motor race course? The speed limit seems to be double that of other roads of the town, judging by the racing prevailing among country buses, motor lorries of the heaviest type, even 60 feet long ones, and motor cycles, the throttles of which to open in this region of private houses seems to be point of honour. It seems to me high time the police came with their stop watches, specially in the late afternoon" - letter signed "Ignotus"

1947 07 14

Sir - I think it is scandalous that 31 trees should be removed from Newmarket Road, Cambridge. This is easily the least imposing approach to the town and the removal of the trees will make it ten times worse. Why is this road always chosen when a site has to be found for a new refuse dump. Why has it such a bad road surface for such an important main thoroughfare. Those things just have to be tolerated, I suppose, but I sincerely hope that Newmarket Road may retain its one redeeming feature - the trees - letter from L.R. Thurston

1948 03 24

Abbey East Social club was formally opened at the Old School, Fen Ditton. In October 1942 it was decided at the Wardens' Post, Newmarket Road, to form a committee to make plans for a club to meet the social needs of the area. In the war people realised they were enjoying something they had not had before - good fellowship, companionship and getting to know the people who lived next door. Permission had been given to use an old A.R.P. post near the borough cemetery and functions had been arranged from there. The Deputy Mayor said "I do hope it will be a very successful centre for those on the east side of the bridge. It was a very sore point that you were so isolated and there was this large estate, which has grown without any means of getting into the town"

1948 04 02

Yesterday saw the passing of the National Fire Service which had been administered from the Home Office since March 1941. Under the provision of the Fire Services Act of 1947 the Cambridgeshire County Council assumed the responsibility for the provision and maintenance of fire-fighting services for the county, and the occasion was marked by a transfer ceremony at No.1 Station, Newmarket Road, Cambridge

1948 06 18

Strong protests with regard to the filling of the tip opposite the Gasworks in Newmarket Road were voiced at Cambridge Town Council and it was recommended that a corrugated iron fence be erected along the whole of the frontage to Newmarket Road. Moving an amendment requiring owners to remove "the existing barrier of motor bodies", Councillor Gilbert said that residents had complained about the smell and inconvenience caused by the owners putting a number of dismantled motor bodies along the frontage. Coun. Cutting said there was filth, disease and "the most unsightly heap of rubbish you have ever seen in England" at this place and it was increasing day by day

1948 07 23

Radio is to be brought into place shortly to help Cambridgeshire fire fighters. Two fire engines and four staff cars at the Newmarket Road Headquarters are to be fitted with a V.H.F.-type speech transmitter and receiver, similar to those fitted to R.A.F. planes. The fixed 12-watt transmitter will also be used by the police force to originate their message operation. The two fire engines fitted with radio are the ones normally sent out immediately on receipt of a fire call. "The advantage of using radio is that we have no need to depend on telephone for getting reinforcements," said Chief Officer Knowles

1948 08 06

Six residents of Ditton Fields appeared before Cambridge magistrates charged with stealing varying amounts of timber from 89 Maintenance Camp (Squatter's Camp), Newmarket Road, the property of H.M. Government. Mr Harry Crowe, a civil engineer, said the sides of a number of timber huts had been stripped of all timber. One of the defendants said, "I have seen other people going up to the site, taking away timber, and not getting into trouble for it, so I thought it would be all right". Another said he was walking across the site of the Newmarket Road camp when two Irishmen working there stopped him and asked if he wanted to buy some timber. After he had paid £3 the man in charge took the timber from the huts which he understood had to be pulled down

1948 09 13

Blasting operations were carried out in Cambridge in an effort to locate an underground fire which is known to have been burning for a fortnight. It is at Messrs Duce's scrap dump in Newmarket Road. A squad of Royal Engineers from Bury S Edmunds fired three 10 lb charges of nitro-glycerine type of explosive, but the fire could not be traced. Traffic was stopped while the explosions took place and a certain amount of small debris fell onto the road. The fire is amongst scrap which has been tipped into a disused pit and covered with earth. Smoke has been seen issuing from widely-separated points in the ground and firemen have been digging in an effort to find the seat of the blaze

1948 12 15

The first important milestone in Cambridge post-war housing drive was reached when the Mayor opened the council's 1,000th house – an "Easiform", at 27 Peverell Road on the Newmarket road site, where tenant, Mrs Betson, was waiting. Beforehand they had been taken on a tour of some of the principal housing estates in the town and saw estates at all stages of development - ranging from the neat, well-established looking one at Trumpington, only lacking the shops which will come one day, to the unfinished but partly-tenanted. At these mothers with perambulators have to be helped through the mud, and children kept in wellington boots.

1950 01 11

Mr Owen Duce of Scrapbanks works, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, told an inquiry that he used the pit for dumping waste from his scrap business & also accepted other materials such as brick rubble and old wire, but no domestic rubbish which might give rise to vermin or the risk of fire. He has recently erected a high steel fence along the road frontage. It has already resulted in the production of 4,000 tons of scrap for steel works besides valuable quantities of platinum for export.

1950 04 01

17-years-old Joy Carter of Newmarket Road, Cambridge was by popular vote last night chosen as Miss Cambridgeshire, 1950. She was one of four entrants who reached the finals of this fifth annual contest held at the Rex Ballroom. The others were Angela Barker of Gt Shelford, Jean Hickman of Histon and Dorothy Sampson of Ramsden Square, Cambridge.

1950 07 06

Using pre-cast and interlocking concrete blocks three men laid the equivalent of 3,000 bricks in just under 3½ hours on the Newmarket Road housing estate, Cambridge. The blocks, patented under the name of "Dri-Crete" are the results of research by Mr B. F. Hartley, director of the British Art Tile Co. of Mill Road. During 1950 two houses have been erected at the new satellite town of Newton Aycliffe, near Darlington, using the blocks. Members of the Dri-Crete Association visited Papworth to see farm buildings erected from the blocks and to Waterbeach RAF station to inspect Dri-Crete walls.

1950 10 06

Waterbeach and Upwood are amongst airfields which are "warming up" in preparation for the start of the biggest air exercise since the war. It has been designed to test the control of air defence operations. Cambridge members of the Royal Observer Corps will man the operations room in the Newmarket

Road headquarters and posts throughout the countryside. Every aircraft passing over the county will be plotted, and the information passed to the RAF.

1951 02 17

Ten minutes after Friday's funeral service of Mrs Grace Thurston, wife of the well-known amusement contractor was due to start, the cars containing mourners were still pulling up in front of Christ Church, Newmarket Road, Cambridge. In all there were 20 cars bringing mourners and 30 additional cars parked near the church, which was crowded for the service. At one time the funeral procession, which was headed to the church by three flower-decked cars before the actual hearse itself, caused a traffic jam more than a quarter of a mile long, and it took the efforts of two police officers to get Newmarket Road normal again.

1951 04 28

A Royal welcome greeted the King and Queen when they arrived for their visit to King's College chapel thanksgiving service for its restoration and the replacement of windows removed for safety during the war. The car flying the Royal standard drew up to the city boundary at Newmarket Road. Many mothers from nearby houses brought their children along with little flags and some enterprising onlookers climbed on to one of Marshall's buildings to get a bird's eye view. Carried away by their enthusiasm many toddlers continued to cheer and wave small Union Jacks long after the Royal party had passed.

1951 06 01

The Mayor of Cambridge toured three of the council's housing estates and saw the 2000th council house to be built since the war. It is on a 61-acre site at Newmarket Road which will accommodate 244 houses and 160 flats. The house has three bedrooms, a drawing room and a kitchen. With outbuildings it cost £1,417. The Mayor handed the key to the lucky tenant, Mr F.A. Cross, who said: "My speech must be brief. I'm much too excited to get inside and see around". He has been waiting over five years to get a house

1951 07 21

Methodism in Cambridge has suffered a severe loss with the passing of Mr Albert Endersby in his 73rd year. He had been associated with the Sturton Street Methodist Church since he was first taken there as a baby in arms and he never lost his enthusiasm for the fervour of Methodist singing and the thrill of Christian witness. He had been a steward for 50 years and was chairman of the Young Men's Club which met at the Tabernacle, Newmarket Road, before that church was closed. He was a mattress maker at Messrs Eaden Lilley.

1951 10 02

Members of a new company of the Boys' Brigade were seen in their first church parade and march past in the Newmarket Road area of Cambridge on Sunday. The company, that of Ditton Fields Free Church, is at the beginning of its career; it is hoped that by October there will be a sufficient number of recruits to justify the company being fully enrolled in the Brigade. It was augmented by the 5th Cambridge Company which has been established more than 50 years. Mr H.A. Twinn told them: "You must have discipline if you are to do anything at all". Some boys' organisations had been compared with Hitler's youth movement but their members were trained in a helpful and Christian way of life, he said

1951 12 08

Reminiscences of the First World War when the Star Brewery, Cambridge, was manned almost entirely by women were shared by Major Freeman at the celebration of the firm's diamond jubilee anniversary. When he joined in 1903 there were 30 public houses on the Newmarket Road. It had come into being in 1891; in 1935 it became a subsidiary of the Tollemache Company and recently the firm of Messrs Whitmore, in St Andrew's Hill, had been acquired. The brewery had stabling for 25 horses up to 1935 when motor transport was first introduced. It had been a great success and was now considered to be the county's "star" brewery.

1952 03 31

Meadowland Methodists in Cambridge revealed a venturesome spirit when, in driving snow, they dedicated the site of the proposed new church and offices. The simple service was conducted in the East Barnwell Community Centre & Coun Herbert Finbow cut the first turf. Mr Henry Hughes, the architect, explained a model of the new building which will present an impressive aspect when viewed from Newmarket Road. Finance will come in part from the sale of the Tabernacle Church.

1952 11 07

Cambridge council objected to the proposed development of land at Stourbridge Common as a professional football ground. The land was acquired for tipping purposes and they wished it to be zoned for storing Civil Defence materials or for use as a lorry park. The Chief Constable said that, assuming the aim was to bring Third Division football to Cambridge with possible crowds of 15,000 people, it would not present much difficulty in dispersing them from Newmarket Road after a match. The City council proposed a municipal sports ground at Trumpington Road. The class of football envisaged would attract gates of not more than 1,000 and would not be in the same class as Cambridge City or United football clubs.

1953 01 14

Work on the roundabout at East Road corner with Newmarket Road, Cambridge, has been in progress for about five weeks; it is hoped it will be completed in another six. Before long the traffic lights will be removed and the centre of the junction will be sealed off so that the roundabout can be erected. Traffic will still be able to use the crossing, as by then the road surface at the corners will have been filled in.

1953 05 23

A Cambridge butcher's Coronation sausages have caused a stir. Derek Traylen of Newmarket Road was painting his shop front blue, with a white and red fascia when his wife commented on the pleasing effect. "Pity we can't apply this colour scheme to the something else"" she said and Mr Traylen looked hard at the strings of sausages. "Why not the sausages. We could dip the skins in vegetable dye and have a special Coronation line". He advertised them in the CDN and received a phone call from a journalist in Glasgow. Then came other enquiries from Manchester, the 'Daily Mirror' and 'Empire News' while the 'Meat Traders Journal' came out with a cartoon. Customers were delighted, but somewhat apprehensive with regard to the blue sausages.

1954 01 22

Proposals to erect traffic lights at the junction of East Road and Newmarket Road, Cambridge were debated by councillors. One said: "Lights are not needed here; they are an obstruction and an annoyance to drivers, another added: "The speed of traffic is about half of other towns and now we are proposing to slow it up still further". A roundabout would be better than lights. But another said: "As a cyclist I am conscious of danger every time I pass the junction, which is blind in more than one direction, you have to be darned quick or you are dead"

1954 07 08

Tom Abbott is one of the best-known heel and toe walking experts in Cambridgeshire. He started in 1925 when he saw an advert about the Cambridge Walking Club seven-mile road walk and by 1937 he held every walking record in the county – and still does. He has also won 30 championship medals. There was the E.H. Church Handicap Cup, a two-mile race in the Cambridge Railway Orphans Sports – he won it over a dozen times - the Royston to Cambridge road race held annually on Boxing Day, the ten-mile course along Newmarket Road and inter-county meetings without number. During the last war Army service races were won in Belgium and the Shetland Isles. Now he helps youngsters of the Coleridge Athletic Club

1954 09 20

A new Civil Defence rescue training centre was opened in Newmarket Road, Cambridge. There are two tumble-down structures – a façade and a rescue set – and volunteers set to work showing rescue attempts in an Atomic-bomb war. Major-Gen Bruce said: “In view of the present threat, where we needed one volunteer before we now want 100. It is un-British to have the attitude of mind that we are going to be frightened and blackmailed into putting up with might”. Heavy explosives and incendiaries are likely to go out of business, but not in the first two years of another war, because our enemy has a tremendous amount of aircraft and bombs that he will want to use.

1954 11 20

Thirty-seven gold coins – a sovereign and 36 half-sovereigns – were discovered by Cambridge corporation workmen, 23 of them in the sludge taken from the emptier at Swann's tip, Newmarket Road. This had come from the Birdwood Road and Norfolk Street area and when they investigated the gullies in the area thirteen further coins were found, two in a drain in Burleigh Street. These were heavy coins; they were unlikely to have been lost through a hole in a pocket; more likely they had been wrapped in something and disposed of by somebody who did not want to be found with them in his possession. Eight years ago a man in Long Road had been robbed of 100 sovereigns and 30 half-sovereigns – but there were more than this found.

1955 03 16

Cambridge Gas Works is progressing with its new retort house near the Newmarket Road end of River Lane. The interior of the old disused retort house has been completely demolished and the new one should be completed by 1957. Coal will then flow into the retorts through closed hoppers and the coke will be extracted already quenched, eliminating a prolific source of dust and grit which has caused complaints from nearby residents. 55 03 16c

1955 05 02

The stretch of Newmarket Road between East Road corner and Ivett and Reed's shop has high accident rates and publicity is being given to the dangers of the road. ‘Accident Area’ and ‘Caution’ signs are being displayed and posters and leaflets distributed. Last year in Cambridge 604 people were injured and a total of 1,540 accidents were reported to the police. 55 05 02a

1955 06 18

Cambridge City Libraries are celebrating their centenary with an exhibition in the Guildhall which will look at the past, consider the present and glimpse into the future. This may include a branch library at Newmarket Road, a Mobile Library service, a new Central Library – all projects which from time to time receive consideration. 55 06 18b

1956 01 20

Proposals for a mobile library service for Cambridge failed by a single vote. The present service was hopelessly inadequate; the Newmarket Road area had a population of over 10,000 with only the difficult-to-find Ditton Fields branch library. The council would not become bankrupt by buying a lorry for a mobile library. But maintenance would be £1,000 a year and they should not spend such a large amount on a service which was not a necessity. 56 01 20c

1956 08 20

Sir – my father, J.R. Bennett, a master builder, constructed a chimney for the Star Brewery at Newmarket Road, Cambridge. Boy-like I used to play round the site and one day about 1889, when the work was almost complete, he made me climb the ladders up the scaffolding and stand on the extreme summit, saying ‘You will be the only one who will ever stand there’ – G.A. Bennett, Wisbech. 56 08 20

1956 11 03

Young people from both the city and university have formed a club called ‘Stan Kelly’s Skiffle’ at the Dog and Pheasant, Newmarket Road. Each Thursday evening the rafters ring with folk tunes, work songs, ballads, blues and the like. It has a membership of 80 and anyone who can sing or play an

instrument is welcome. Stan Kelly himself leads the group which comprises guitar, bass, drums and a wash-board. The beer crates which form the furniture help add to the atmosphere. 56 11 03b

1956 12 11

Stan Kelly's Skiffle club, which meets at the Dog and Pheasant on Newmarket Road, has grown in popularity and threatens to become one of the outposts against the mass entertainment media of film and television. Stan is a mathematician working in London who says only a few traditional folk songs have yet found their way into print and the only way to preserve them is by singing them. Now the BBC may feature it in one of their programmes. 56 12 11

1956 12 10

Hundreds of people daily pass the unobtrusive grey brick Festival Theatre building in Newmarket Road, but few are aware that some of the foremost names in British acting began to learn their art there. Now used as a wardrobe and for scene painting by the Arts Theatre, the footlights have been dimmed and the seats are empty. But the stage and auditorium are in good condition and one day the curtain may rise again. 56 12 10

1957 03 02

A new public house, 'The Weathervane' can be built on Perne Road but the Star brewery must transfer the licence from The Crown and Compasses in George IV Street and will close the Crown, Wellington Street and the Star on Newmarket Road. People living in the new houses in the area objected, one lady saying she'd saved her money to buy a house there to be away from pubs. Pupils at Coleridge Evening Centre, one of the finest institutions in the country, might be degraded while people who drank were more likely to catch disease than those who did not. 57 03 02

1957 04 03

The opening of Herbert Robinson's new Sales and Service department on Newmarket Road, equipped with every aid to modern truck servicing techniques, marks another important step in the development of the company who are Rootes Group dealers for Cambridgeshire. From a cycle shop bought in 1905 has grown the present concern embracing the motor, cycle and radio industries. 57 04 03

1957 04 04

Jimmy Edwards, complete with the famous moustache, performed the opening of Herbert Robinson's new garage at Newmarket Road. 'A few jocularities and not all of them in good taste' was how he introduced his remarks, observing somewhat ruefully that with the rate of present development the new premises might eventually be quite near Cambridge. After the inevitable disparaging comments about his radio colleague, Dick Bentley, he commented on the number of cars now fitted with radio – 'a good sign we will not be thrown out of work'. 57 04 04

1957 07 01

Last year an Adventure Playground started on a patch of rough ground bordering Newmarket Road. Cambridge council gave a generous quantity of odd timber, other people provided tree trunks and old motor tyres. But it all vanished during the winter. Now they are seeking more together with an old motor car chassis, corrugated iron, bricks, pick-axes, hammers, nails and other lumber. They also need a strong lockable shed to keep it in. 57 07 01

1957 07 22

The Adventure Playground off Newmarket Road does not seem to be wanted, judging from a lively meeting. Residents said was being used by hooligans who broke up the equipment and should be moved far from homes where a nuisance is likely to be caused. They called for the area to be used as tennis courts instead. 57 07 22 & 22a

1957 08 24

National Benzole want to open a three-pump filling station on Newmarket Road opposite the junction the Coldham's Lane. The property belonged to Mr West and was used for the maintenance and

storage of motor vehicles with three pumps behind a screen wall. They would knock down two adjoining properties to widen the frontage. But planners say the city fire station was across the road and it would hold up the flow of traffic. There were eight other petrol stations on the left-hand side of the road as far as Bottisham. 57 08 24 & a & b

1957 09 13

Residents living near the 'adventure playground' on the Whitehill Estate, Newmarket Road have protested against the things that happen there. Bad language – really filthy barrack room stuff – is a constant annoyance, noise is at a high level with children beating on drums and fuel tanks and the staccato bark of the old motor cycle housed on the ground, especially when it is running without a silencer. It is a place where parents of decent families prevent their children from going, attracts the wrong type of youth and encourages the formation of gangs. 57 09 13a & b

1958 03 08

'The Racehorse', a new public house, is to be erected on the corner of Newmarket Road and the ring road to serve the growing population on the new estate. There are now 5,000 people in the area, many of whom have to travel over the Barnwell Bridge to the Dog and Pheasant for a drink as The Globe gets so crowded people have to wait a long time. 58 03 08

1958 03 15

Newmarket Road library opening postponed – 58 03 15

1958 09 27

Newmarket Road branch library was the first to be opened in Cambridge for 21 years. "That is the progress in this enlightened City in providing the citizens with books", commented Ald. Howard Mallett. The premises were of a temporary nature and later another building would be erected when finances permitted. The librarian would be Mrs M.A. Traviss and it would open every weekday from 10 am to 7pm, (1pm Wednesdays). 58 09 27a

1958 09 13

An Adventure Playground run at Newmarket Road attracted 60 youngsters. There was bad language at first, destructive activities by local roughs created great difficulties and neighbours objected. The children tunnelled, built huts and dens, made swings of ropes and tyres, lit fires and roasted potatoes. They also made boats, guns, swords and a puppet theatre. Some put an old motor cycle into running order. 58 09 13 & a

1959 02 23

The Lucas depot on the Newmarket Road offers expert overhaul of fuel injection diesel engines with special equipment beyond the financial reach of many garages. They also check and overhaul Lucas electrical equipment. The stores hold nearly 4,000 bits and pieces each sealed in polythene and 'factory fresh'. There are batteries for scooters, tractors, whoppers for special jobs and units for the locally-built Lister Jaguars. Practically everyone who works there lives in Cambridge. 59 02 23

1959 08 10

There are traffic lights everywhere - but not one to be seen if you are a motorist about to join Newmarket Road from the forecourt of West's Garage. The lights recently installed at the junction of Coldham's Lane give both streams of traffic a fair crack of the whip, but the man who wishes to join the road after topping up his tank is left completely in the dark. A repeater light facing the forecourt might save a serious accident at this busy junction. 59 08 10

1959 10 16

More traffic went along Newmarket Road than any other and congestion often occurred at Four Lamps Corner. Any small incident – circuses on the Common or even May Balls - holds up traffic. Victoria Bridge vibrated when heavy vehicles had to stand on it with their engines running. We need a new bridge over the river at Walnut Tree Avenue. But a temporary bridge could be thrown over the

Cam in six months by using the site of the old horse ferry next to the Chesterton footbridge. There would be a natural route for traffic up Garlic Row, Ald Symonds said. 59 10 16a & b

1960 02 17

Cambridge Children's Playground Association was started after builders complained about children playing destructively with their building materials and when it was noticed that the ordinary playgrounds did not attract many youngsters. The first experimental playground was in Newmarket Road and now one may be formed on the Arbury Estate. There are hundreds of children who have already formed the habit of playing in the streets and in the shopping precinct while the estate has waited six years for a playground. The spinney at Cherry Hinton would also be an ideal site for an 'adventure playground' 60 02 17

1960 03 16

One of the landmarks of Cambridge which has overlooked the city for about 60 years was demolished. The 100-foot chimney on the Newmarket Road once belonged to one of the city's brickworks which closed down about a year ago owing to the lack of clay. A large portion of the base of the chimney was cut away and propped up by wooden supports. These were then set alight using paraffin and wood shavings and smoke gushed from the top of the chimney for the last time before it fell slowly and gracefully to the ground. The actual kilns have already been demolished to make way for Watts and Son, timber importers 60 03 16

1960 04 29

The news that part of the worked-out British Portland Cement clay pits at Cherry Hinton are to be used as a Corporation rubbish dump have aroused opposition. There had to be some better way of getting rid of refuse than putting it in a pit. It would take 25-30 years to get it filled and unless every cartload of rubbish was immediately covered with earth it would become rat-infested. But other pits had been reclaimed: Herbert Robinson's garage in Newmarket Road was built entirely on a filled-in pit. 60 04 29

1960 09 30

Basket making and embroidery are usually thought to be the preserve of women. But this is far from true. Since he retired as a chiropodist, Percy North of Newmarket Road, has made many cushion covers, table cloths and chair backs which he gives to the Red Cross Society for their annual bazaar. His other hobby is photography and he also does his own cooking, baking bread twice a week. Mr F.G. Biggs of Impington has become extremely proficient at basket-making which he first learned after being invalided out of the First World War. He sent a fruit basket filled with roses to Princess Margaret as a wedding gift. Both men are in their seventies. 60 09 30

1960 11 17

Land in Stanley Road was a breeding ground for rats and filthy rubbish had been dumped there, an inquiry was told. Cambridge Caravans moved part of its operations from Ditton Road to Newmarket Road in 1956 and now wanted to store up to 40 caravans on the site behind a wattle fence six feet high. The land was an old claypit found to be unsuitable for building. Some of the houses around it had settled and cracked and were practically unsafe to live in. An adjoining electricity sub-station made a humming noise which rendered the site unsuitable for residential purposes. But planners said five similar applications had been refused and it was reserved for residential development. 60 11 17

1961 02 01

The Chequers Rock'n'Roll group, formed by members of St Luke's Youth Club, staged a dance in the Guildhall. Jennifer Smith plays the drums, the vocalist is Andy Peters, bass guitarist Tony Saintey, rhythm guitarist Noel Gooch and solo guitarist Tony White. They featured four of their own tunes which are intended for an experimental record they hope to make soon. Johnny Cullum and the Phantoms, a group better known in Newmarket, also performed. 61 02 01c

1961 04 27

A new plant at Eastern Gas Board's works in Newmarket Road will produce gas from oil, replacing a 22-year-old retort installation which produced tar and coke as well. It will be more economical and reduce some of the dust emissions which have caused many complaints. The new plant is housed in a sound-proofed building and any surplus will be pumped into the gas grid which now covers the local area. But it will still use 400 tons of coal each day so grit will not be completely eliminated. 61 04 27

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1961 07 08

By 1966 it is hoped that the new trunk-road linking the main Cambridge-London and Cambridge-Newmarket Roads will have been fully operational for some years. East Road would then be carrying about 1,000 vehicles an hour and Winton-Smith applied to build a petrol station in place of their slaughter house. But planners told an Inquiry that it would interfere with the free flow of traffic and cause confusion for motorists 61 07 08

1961 07 20

Herbert Robinson's premises in Regent Street were erected in the early 1930s to the design of George Banyard, a well-known architect responsible for a number of Cambridge's principal buildings. They comprise extensive showrooms, garages and workshops together with substantial office premises known as Llandaff Chambers. Now they are transferring to spacious new premises on Newmarket Road and the property is being offered for sale. The firm are retaining the electrical showrooms at 14 Regent Street 61 07 20

1961 08 01

Hopes that Cambridge would become a County Borough able to manage its own affairs have been dashed by the Local Government Commission. The improvement of county government should take priority: it could not be effective without the city and would have to be enlarged by taking in other areas. Cambridgeshire should join with the Isle of Ely to form one unit and the town of Royston should come into the area. The position of Newmarket has not yet been determined. 61 08 01

1961 09 08

Joseph Farrington has worked for the Gas Board since 1917. He operates a Super Sentinel Loco, called 'Lucy', at the Coldham's Lane depot. Every morning he gets it going on a diet of wood and coke, eases her out of her shed and down to the six trucks with which they move supplies of coal from the main railway line, depositing it in a tipper. The operation is repeated until 400 tons have been shifted. The coal is then taken up into a hopper and unloaded into a lorry which transports it to the gasworks on Newmarket Road. 61 09 08c

1961 11 21

The proposed new Cambridge fire station on the corner of Parkside and East Road is without doubt the best situation that could be found. It is on the immediate perimeter of the inner congested centre of Cambridge, has access to good routes and is well-placed to take advantage of the proposed new bridge over the Cam. It will replace the present fire station built in 1944 at the corner of Newmarket Road and Coldham's Lane which consists of war-time huts and brick structures on the site of a refuse pit. 61 11 21a

1961 12 21

Tollemache and Cobbold Breweries announce the opening of The Racehorse, Newmarket Road, Cambridge. This house has been designed for maximum comfort and service. There are three well-

appointed and furnished bars and decoration is tasteful and modern. Sandwiches and snacks will always be obtainable. One of the rooms will be available for clubs and private parties. Apply to the manager, Arthur Shatford. – Advert 61 12 21b

1961 12 27

It is going to be even colder than it was during most of the Christmas freeze-up when ice on the Cam trapped several swans in the water. On Christmas morning fire appliances went to St Giles' church where a small fire severely damaged an electric motor in the organ. They were also called to Avery's scale makers premises in Regent Street and at Joseph Lucas on Newmarket Road where pipes in the ceilings burst and flooded the premises. The Waterworks Company dealt with 30 burst pipes on Christmas Day 61 12 27 61 12 30

1962 01 19

Radioactive waste materials with a short life, from University departments, can be buried under six feet of earth at the Cambridge rubbish dump off Newmarket Road. There were concerns that children might dig it up before the radioactivity had dropped or rats might become contaminated and spread it around. Dangers might also arise if a fire broke out on the dump or if some of the material got into sewers or drains. Councillors recommend the waste, wrapped in plastic, should be delivered by University vehicles and buried after strict safety checks have been observed by University officials.

62 01 19

1962 02 03

Quainton Close, Newmarket Road, Cambridge is a distinctive garden site development. There is a choice of 5 designs – split-level and open plan houses, detached bungalows and luxury flats in Kensington Court. Show house and flat now open for inspection. Prices from £3,150 to £4,350 with 90% mortgages to approved purchasers. Architect G.M. Vickers. Builders J.M. Hill (Ampthill) - Advertisement. 62 02 03

1962 04 16

Cambridge Daily News moved from St Andrew's Street to Newmarket Road – 62 04 16c 1962 04 23 The massive square building of the Cambridge Maltings on Newmarket Road is where barley is converted into malt for malted food and beverages but mainly for brewing into light ale. The loading room holds row upon row of sacks bulging with fat, glossy barley grains which has to be dried in a huge perforated drum. It is carried to bins where it is rested for six weeks and then conveyed to the square brick tower which rises higher than the main malt-house roof. When the process is complete it is hauled by electric elevators on to lorries to be taken to the leading breweries. 62 04 23 & a

1962 09 05

Douglas Goodwin from Field Road, Ramsey, was driving his lorry laden with four-and-a-half tons of baled straw along Newmarket Road, Cambridge, when a heavy downpour tightened the ropes and pulled the load to one side. He turned the lorry round and made for the nearest lamp post against which the load rested safely until it could be transferred to another vehicle to complete its journey to Stowmarket 62 09 05a

1962 10 05

Rag and metal merchant Ronald Arber of Newmarket Road says rags are still in great demand. He receives as much as six tons a week often brought in by children during the holidays and when the Midsummer Fair is being held, so that they can get a few more coppers to spend. They are baled up and sent to a London merchant where they are sorted into various categories and used for such things as cleaning materials and roofing felt. Considerable quantities are exported to Italy. Metals are similarly sorted. Lead is delivered to London mills to be made into lead piping, roofing materials and the lead bricks used at atomic power stations, such as Harwell. The demand for iron and steel has decreased in the past few years both at home and abroad. Most metal merchants are finding they can get more scrap iron and steel than they are able to sell. Bones, which used to provide an extremely good trade, no longer interest Mr Arber because the glues for which they were used are now made

from other substances. Much of the material comes from the public. They bring their odds and ends in all the time: bed rails, gardening tools, bicycles, brass pots, radiators, car batteries, mangles, even refrigerators and fish-frying ranges along with aluminium saucepans and kettles. Jumble sale leftovers also provide a source of trade. An electric guillotine cuts as many of the items as possible into short lengths for easy transportation. After pressing, melting and recasting at other factories, it is surprising how many of these waste articles find their way back into the home. Looking at a rag and metal merchant's premises is like looking at a wilderness of destruction. But there is order in the wilderness and every item has its place. The firm has been established for 40 years and he is confident it will remain for many years to come 62 10 05a

1963 03 22

Nicholls & co new garage, Newmarket Road, National Fuels – advert 63 03 22f

1963 07 11

Considered some years ago to accommodate some of the most squalid and unsightly houses in Cambridge, various efforts have been made to clear the local slums. It has several terraces of 19th-century cottages, several large-scale business developments and a lot of small shops of considerable antiquity. The people living in these houses or running these shops are frequently members of families which have been on Newmarket Road for as long and they can remember and would never want to live elsewhere. However much people may grumble about the amount of traffic it has to carry and however much they complain that it is not the most attractive of approach roads, without it Cambridge wouldn't have any gas, any local newspaper, any fire service, or any airport [CDN 11th July 1963].

1963 07 20

The Gainsborough Company is selling its new brand of petrol at Cook's garage, Newmarket Road at 4s 5d a gallon 63 07 20b

1963 08 07

Minutes after the opening Cherry Hinton's new branch library by the Mayor of Cambridge, there were complaints that working men cannot get there before it closes at 7pm and it should stay open an extra hour. There has been a library of sorts for many years. Originally books were kept in a locked bookcase at the entrance to the Church of England School in High Street. It moved to Colville School in the mid-50's. Now work has started on Newmarket Road library after which another will be constructed on Arbury Road 63 08 07b Profile of librarian, Margaret Traviss – 63 08 07c

1963 09 17

Lloyds new bank on Newmarket Road is the only one in Cambridge with its own private car and cycle park. Facing Sun Street, it will take three cars and five bikes. The bank replaces the temporary wooden structure which has housed the business for more than a year and will offer a full range of services. It is under the supervision of Mr E.J. Furley, manager of Lloyds main local branch at Sidney Street 63 09 17

1963 11 29

The Duce's Tip site between Coldham's Lane and Newmarket Road may become a new suburban shopping centre with a two-storey supermarket, a garage and filling station with parking 1,000 cars. Space would be available for relocating premises affected by any redevelopment. But there was a danger that the Lion Yard scheme might not start commercially if trade were drawn away to another area, planners fear 63 11 29

1964 03 04

Houses in Walnut Tree Avenue have been bought by the Ministry of Transport for demolition when the dual-carriageway for the proposed Chesterton bridge route is constructed. One side of Cam Road will also have to be demolished. It is expected that negotiations for the 30 properties involved will take a year to complete. The first part of the scheme will link Newmarket Road with Chesterton and

Milton Roads. Later the existing roads of Lensfield Road, Gonville Place and East Road will feed into a roundabout at the junction of Sun Street and Newmarket Road 64 03 04b

1964 03 20

The new HQ of Cambridge A.T.C. Squadron is the former Royal Observer Corps base on Newmarket Road. When the Squadron was first formed as a unit of the Air Defence Cadet Corps its members attended lectures at the University Engineering Laboratories before moving early in the war to Leighton House in Trumpington Road. But most of its time has been spent at "Rock Mill" in Rathmore Road. 64 03 20

1964 04 10

Work on Cambridge's Eastern Bypass was interrupted by the war and today only a short section is in existence. It runs from Wadloes Road, across the main Newmarket Road and peters out at the end of Barnwell Road where a muddy track and footpaths picks its way towards Coldham's Lane. Standing amid the rubbish dumps, tumbledown sheds and chicken houses which adorn this part of the route one can hear the distant rumble of traffic on Newmarket Road. It is likely to be many years before the scheme is revived. 64 04 10

1964 06 02

Newmarket Road footbridge discussed – 64 06 02b

1964 06 06

Compulsory purchase orders have been confirmed for the clearance of areas at Napier Street, Leeke Street, Coronation Street, Gold Street and Russell Street. But the Minister has excluded some properties in Newmarket Road and Burleigh Place together with no 9 Coronation Street which his inspectors say is fit for habitation. Objectors had claimed that compulsory acquisition would cause hardship and was not necessary for redevelopment. 64 06 06a

1964 06 16

Fire Brigade HQ, Parkside soon to open; 'temporary' buildings in Newmarket Road built during war have outlived usefulness – 64 06 16c

1964 09 10

Newmarket Road new branch library needs extra children's books – 64 09 10

1964 10 08

Cambridge Ring Road – the eastern bypass which was proposed before the war – is today bordered by rows of neat council houses and old peoples' flats. It runs from Fen Ditton to the main road under the name Wadloes Road then crosses Newmarket Road and continues as Barnwell Road. Then it peters out into a track behind Cambridge Airport until finally reaching Coldham's Lane. Now a new Inner Relief Road is proposed from Huntingdon Road to Jesus Green. But will either of them ever be completed? 64 10 08

1964 11 07

Cambridge News wins 1964 Newspaper Design Award for evening newspapers; acquired by Lord Iliffe five years ago; he built new works and offices on Newmarket Road which opened April 1962 with printing plant of the latest design. New headline type, old five-column pages gave way to present six – 64 11 07

1965 03 10

Newmarket Road work on dual carriageway – 65 03 10b, 65 03 25b

1965 10 12

Newmarket Road Gas site cottages being bull-dozed – photo – 65 10 12a

1966 01 18

Upper freight yard depot of British Railways to close on January 31st and part of the land may be used in a new road scheme connecting Brooklands Avenue and Newmarket Road. The public depot on the other side of the main line to remain open 66 01 18c

1967 04 19

Greene King to transfer Cambridge depot from Panton Street to new premises Newmarket Road; stopped brewing in Cambridge in 1957 – 67 04 19

1968 01 17

Book Bros garage in Newmarket Road up for sale following death Laurence Cook – 68 01 17a

1969 01 30

Challis & Sons fishing tackle shop in Newmarket Rd to close after 31 years, was formerly Hardings; made Pembroke and Trinity reels – feature – 69 01 30b

1969 02 03

Kenneth Gilbert closes butcher's shop in Newmarket Road; to become coin-laundrette – 69 02 03a

1970 04 01

Richard Duce took over Coldham's Lane site in 1948 after a brickyard closed and since then recovered 23,000 tons of copper and aluminium from scrap metal' has sold most site to London property company for new trading estate; to demolish chimney and move to bottom of the site between railway line & Newmarket Road – 70 04 01

1970 05 16

Painting farm house junction Newmarket Road & Coldham's Lane – 70 05 16 & a

1970 05 18

Newmarket Road new roundabout – photo – 70 05 18a

1970 11 23

Sewerage work Newmarket Road to replace surface water sewer – feature – 70 11 23

1971 07 26

Harry Cooper opened furniture shop in Newmarket Road about 50 years ago; would pull down shutters for fear bullocks would get in – 71 07 26

1971 08 23

Newmarket Road derelict house last of 'padding cans' houses built for navvies who came to build railways and dig coprolite – 71 08 23 # c.61

1972 06 09

The family firm of D. Mackay, Britannia Works, East Road, Cambridge, celebrate their 60th year jubilee this week. The Britannia Public house from which the works took its name has recently been demolished, and the houses which formed Britannia Place have long since disappeared, as has the Smith which stood in the public house yard. Many other landmarks have been swept away in the new Roadworks. It used to be said that by standing at the corner of East Road and Newmarket Road one would be sure to meet one's friends. Now it is difficult to see which is the corner, and the traffic roars past too fast for leisurely greetings

1972 08 05

The long-awaited Cambridge Transportation Study was finally published yesterday. It is two years overdue and has cost £113,000 - almost £1,000 a page. It was jointly commissioned in 1967 by the Cambridge city and County Councils and the University. It was to be carried out by R. Travers

Morgan and Partners and was estimated at that time to cost £78,000. Its major proposals include a Railway Road leaving the A10 south of the Trumpington street traffic lights, hugging the northbound railway track all the way to Newmarket Road. After crossing the Cam the new road would veer sharply west to follow the St Ives railway line along to the A10 Milton Road before linking up with Arbury Road. The Railway Road should be largely dual two-lane carriageway. Full construction could take many years

1972 09 25

Police arrested five youths, two from Peterborough, and rushed a sixth to hospital after running battles between rival gangs of supporters following Saturday's Fourth Division derby at the Abbey Stadium. Fighting broke out at the Newmarket Road end soon after Cambridge United scored the first of their three goals. Police moved in and restored a vestige of order. This was the pattern with skin-headed youths proudly presenting bloodied noses for their pals' benefit. A raging battle with fists and feet flying sent ordinary supporters scurrying for shelter. Fathers lifted children above their heads and cups of coffee and orange squash were hurled into peaceful sections of the crowd.

1972 11 28

The opening of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technician's eastern regional headquarters in Cambridge marks a major step forward in acquiring the "modern image" required in today's union activities. For several years the Union, known then as the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, operated from small offices in Newmarket Road. Now with the move completed to new offices at the corner of Abbey Road "the union are in a position to project their image", says regional secretary Ivor Jordan. The offices were to have been opened in July but the ceremony was put off because of the building workers strike

1973 01 17

This year could see the beginning of changes in the pattern of shopping for people who live in Cambridge and the surrounding areas. Plans have been put forward to build several "out-of-town" shopping complexes and a public inquiry next week will hear an appeal by J. Sainsbury Ltd against Cambridge City Council's refusal to allow their "edge of-town" supermarket at Coldham's Lane. Last month the Council turned down an application by Marshall to develop a 10-acre site on the Newmarket Road as a shopping complex. A scheme by Brierley's to build a big drive-up shop on a 3 1/2 acre site at Bar Hill with parking for several hundred cars was withdrawn

1973 10 03

Tolly, the East Anglia brewers may sell off their £1 million Star Brewery site in Newmarket Road, Cambridge within the next three years. The 4½ acre site includes the brewery buildings and the Burleigh Arms public house. The old Star Brewery stopped production last year and the buildings have been used as a storage depot. It is understood the directors have been considering various possibilities for the Newmarket Road site, which is bounded roughly by Auckland Road, Midsummer Common and Parsonage Street. One includes building luxury flats, a hotel and public house on the site. "There is no possibility of us leaving Cambridge. It is a very important place for us", said Tolly's managing director

1973 11 08

Motorists are having to wait for up to a month for spare parts in a situation which is becoming a headache for some Cambridge garages. Mr Frank Taylor of B.E. Cocks' garage in Newmarket Road commented: "Delays are getting longer and it's proving to be an awful headache" Apart from the long waits motorists are having to face large bills for hiring other cars. "We do the repair work as quickly as possible and then it comes to a full stop because we have been unable to obtain the necessary parts", added Mr Taylor. "The spare parts situation is becoming a joke in the trade"

1974 01 24

Many Cambridge Scots have been spared the disappointment of a Burns Night without haggis thanks to a 120-mile "mercy dash" by a city butcher. Because of rail and post problems the supplies to Mr

Derek Traylen, a Newmarket road butcher dried up over Christmas which left many of his regular customers without haggis for Hogmanay. So with Buns Night coming up he decided that he could not let his regulars go without again. His Glasgow suppliers were unable to send a normal parcel because of the train drivers' industrial action but they could send his delivery direct to Euston station. So Mr Traylen drove to London and picked up about 2 cwt of haggis yesterday

1975 03 08

The Kojak craze has hit Cambridge. Sales of the sort of lollipop the actor Telly Savalas sucks in the popular television series have soared in the past three weeks in Cambridge, according to Mr Jim Reynolds, the 'Rock King' of Newmarket Road. He believes that most of the increased sales are being made to adults, not children. As far as Kojak hairstyles are concerned, Mr Terry Taylor, of Topman, Market Hill, Cambridge, said he had one or two customers who were thinking about adopting the Kojak look, but no-one has actually had the style done yet, he said

1975 03 25

Cambridge pubs range from grimy to gracious according to a drinker's guide just published by a group of undergraduates. Grime, according to the guide, is synonymous with the Locomotive pub in Mill Road, and grace is one of the virtues of the Plough Inn at Fen Ditton. Praise is lavished on the "thematic scheme" of the Galleon bar in the Burleigh Arms, Newmarket Road. The Free Press has "exceptional character" and the Baker's Arms, East Road, is called a "refreshing surprise". The Bun Shop, Downing Street is said to be "something of a Cambridge institution and well worth a visit

1975 04 28

The King Street run or the King Street pint to pint is a Cambridge drinking tradition. It means drinking eight pints of beer in two hours. In the old days King Street had enough ale houses for the Run to be held along it, but now the organisers have to plan the route incorporating public houses elsewhere. The run last year ended at The Zebra in Newmarket Road but licensee Mrs M. Warren won't be allowing it again. Last year youths who vomited in Fair Street outside the Hopbine bought a ban there on all future runs.

1975 11 10

Clashes between football fans and Cambridge police lasted more than three hours on Saturday; 13 fans were arrested, nine of them were Northampton supporters. The first clash came about 2pm when the glazed door of the Dog and Pheasant public house on Newmarket Road was smashed as rival fans met on the way to the match. As police broke up the confrontation, United fans collected £2.50 to help pay for the damage to the pub door.

1976 06 18

Cambridgeshire's motorists are being treated to nearly £60m of new roads but they have a price to pay ... years of disruptive construction work. Top priority is the northern bypass which is due to start in August. An important adjunct is improvements on the A604 Huntingdon road which will be turned into a dual carriageway. Elsewhere the County Council is constructing a dual carriageway from Coldham's Lane to Barnwell Bridge; a dualling of Newmarket road beyond this will be delayed until the effect of the northern by-pass can be seen. Next year remains the official start date for the western bypass

1976 07 17

At Cambridge Museum of Technology there is no indication that the old Cheddar's Lane sewage station off Newmarket Road, is now a museum. The place looks a shambles surrounded as it is by knee-high weeds and forbidding "Keep Out" signs. Go there; don't be put off by the haphazard arrangement of exhibits and ask the helpful attendants when you fail to understand. A computer in a museum? An electron microscope – both are on display in this potentially breath-taking exhibition. I can't help but suspect that when the lease runs out the museum is going to be transformed into a profitable block of riverside flats. But I hope this does not happen.

1976 07 30

The garage business of B.E. Cocks and Co. at Newmarket Road, Cambridge, has been bought by Marshall of Cambridge, and is to become a Leyland car centre. The purchase includes almost four acres of prime garage site next to the main A45 road, modern showrooms and repair facilities and the goodwill of a business which has been running in the city for almost half a century. This and the capturing of the Daimler, Jaguar, Rover and Triumph franchises from Wallis and Sons means the Marshall group is a real force against the big garage chains operating in the region.

1976 08 23

The landlord of a public house in Newmarket Road, Cambridge, issued a blunt warning to customers: "Watch out, there's football fans about". This is an area which has taken the brunt of local soccer hooliganism and violence. Walk along the Road on a Saturday afternoon when United are at home and you will sense an underlying tension as supporters trek to and from the Abbey Stadium. When the final whistle blows the United supporters and the respectable part of the crowd are allowed to leave. Nearly half an hour later the visitors are permitted to make their exit under escort.

1976 10 11

Work is progressing smoothly on the extension of Barnwell Road, Cambridge, to link up in about two years' time with Brooks Road on the other side of the Cambridge-Newmarket main railway line. The aim is to provide a quick route for heavy traffic between Newmarket Road and Perne Road and out on to the main roads to London. This will by-pass the notorious traffic bottlenecks of Coldham's Lane. The scheme includes a new bridge over the railway and an extensive road island and an extensive road island at the Brook's Road - Coldham's Lane junction.

1976 12 23

When it's finished it will be the house that Jack - and Tom and Dick and Harry - built. In fact, almost everyone who lives in the Riverside Improvement Area will have made some kind of contribution towards the conversion of 6 Priory Road, Cambridge to make it their Neighbourhood House. At the moment it's a disused vegetable store, but now the City's Property Panel have given the go-ahead to turn it into a neighbourhood centre - on the understanding that residents carried out the work themselves. The centre will be mainly for the older people in the community. At the moment they go to the Howard Mallett club but it is very difficult crossing the busy Newmarket Road. Money raising ideas have already been put into operation. Christmas cards with a local Riverside area scene are selling like hot cakes. They were designed by Richard Darlington, closely involved in the project as the council's Area Improvement Officer.

1977 02 04

Every one of four generation of the Reynolds family is a past, present or future "rock king". They are Mr James Robert Reynolds, aged 85, his son Jack, his grandson John and his great grandson James Robert, seven. Jack still makes old-fashioned brown rock - square, not lettered - in a tiny plant at the back of his shop in Newmarket Road, Cambridge which he mans seven days a week. He joined his father when he left school at the age of 14. There have been "rock kings" in the family for at least six generations. "It would be nice to see it go on - and every one of them a 'J'" he said.

1977 03 09

The experimental mini-roundabout at the junction of Newmarket Road and Coldham's Lane, Cambridge was working well on the first morning of its operation. Even at the height of the rush hour traffic was flowing smoothly. It has been put in temporarily while the traffic lights at the junction are being taken down; they will eventually be replaced with more up-to date lights as part of the Newmarket Road improvement scheme. Police Chief Inspector Maurice Murden said: "To think our problems have been solved by an old tractor tyre! It is something we have advocated for years, and now we just hope that it will become permanent". One driver said his driving time to his home in Chesterton had been cut from 20 minutes to five.

1977 10 26

The Jesus Green and Abbey outdoor swimming pools in Cambridge may be drained until early spring and turned into temporary skateboarding rinks. The Mayor has asked city council officers to look into the possibilities and if the investigation proves they can be used he will try and persuade the city council to approve the plan, thus bypassing the long and tedious committee procedure. Meanwhile Forest Heath District Council has decided that skateboarding is here to stay and accepted in principle a proposal to provide 'beginners' skateboarding tracks at Mildenhall, Newmarket and Brandon.

1978 03 17

Cambridge schoolchildren will soon get their first skateboard park, perhaps two. Cambridge councillors earmarked money to convert hard tennis courts at Romsey and Trumpington with wooden embankments and ramps, but it may not now be possible to do both. They also decided that the former council storeyard off Newmarket Road would be ideal for the building of a large-scale permanent skateboard park. Four commercial firms interested in building a park have approached the council who have agreed to offer the land on lease if the park is built at no cost to the ratepayers

1978 06 21

Some Cambridge colleges are threatening to ban visitors because this year's greatly increased numbers of tourists are causing problems. It is important to provide a permanent tourist coach park somewhere near the main tourist centre. A report says the best site would be on common and allotment land next to the News building on Newmarket Road. But some councillors think the ideal place would be in the vicinity of the railway station, at Saxon Street car park or on derelict land at the corner of Histon Road and Victoria Road.

1978 10 29

Experimental mini-roundabouts at the Lensfield Road – Trumpington Road junction in Cambridge have been approved by the Government and will be made permanent. They replaced traffic lights which for years caused long delays and have speeded-up traffic at the once-notorious bottleneck. In addition a pelican crossing is to be built at Fen Causeway at the entrance to the Engineering Laboratories with another at Trumpington Road. There will also be one over Brooks Road when the new and controversial link with Newmarket Road is opened shortly.

1979 06 21

The price and availability of petrol has been in the news in the past few weeks. Petrol rationing in the United States and Sheikh Yamani's latest warnings on the oil crisis shake the most complacent, North Sea oil or no. Post-budget prices are well up and supplies fluctuate. Opening hours have been varied and a number of petrol stations are rationing customers to five gallons. Both Tesco (Gulf) and Sainsbury in Coldham's Lane were charging £1.04 for four star but Hallens (BP) at Victoria Road corner were 10p more. Holland's in Mill Road matched Marshall's price of £1.07, the Newmarket Road Service Station (Phoenix), where you are served as opposed to manning the pumps yourself, charged £1.08 and the Lolworth Service Station was £1.12.

1980 05 31

The Carioca building on Newmarket Road, Cambridge has had a chequered history, from non-conformist chapel to furniture store and now night-club. When it first opened in March 1978 it did a roaring trade into the early hours but has been plainly feeling the impact of the opening of Ronelles' in Lion Yard. It offers a restaurant, disco and dance floor together with a games room with bar billiards and juke box for a membership charge of 10p a week. Drinks are cheaper than pub prices but the choice of draught beers – Tolly's Cobbald and Younger Tartan – is disappointing. 80 05 31

1980 07 02

Cambridge is now left with only one regular nightly music spot following the closure of the Beaconfield and Alex Wood Halls and the Alma pub, mainly because of complaints of noise. But there are at least 40 bands desperate for somewhere to play and countless people who want to hear live music. The Carioca Club on Newmarket Road is willing to let bands play on Tuesday nights but

at a total rental cost of £115 bands can't afford it while the Salisbury Conservative Club on Mill Road is almost fully booked until 1982. It leaves just the Great Northern Hotel. 80 07 02b

1980 09 22

Police are investigating a fire which badly damaged the former paper mill on Newmarket Road, Cambridge and spread into the roof of the adjoining Globe pub where customers were finishing their drinks. One who was using an outside lavatory spotted the blaze and alerted the landlord who evacuated the pub and called the fire brigade. The former mill, built in 1872, is owned by Norwich Brewers and has been empty for years. The roof has been badly burned and the walls damaged by smoke, heat and water. 80 09 22

1980 10 08

Sir – I was distressed at the news of the fire at the Papermills on Newmarket Road which is believed to have been started deliberately. The house was listed in the 1970s as of historical interest and Norwich Brewery was ordered to put it in order. The only results are some scaffolding in the back yard. The hoist is of industrial archaeological interest as it was the second paper-mill in England, dating from around 1700. Perhaps the fire may result in repairs to what was once described as 'the most beautiful house in Cambridge' – Nan Youngman 80 10 08

1981 05 14

Cambridge's unique 100-year-old spiky pillar box has been moved from the corner of Newmarket Road and Cheddar's Lane after local firms protested that its seven-inch aperture was too small for modern-day packages. It was built about 1880 and does not have the royal cipher or the words 'Post Office' on it. But nobody knows why it has spikes on the top. Some say it was to stop people climbing over the gas works wall, others that it was to frighten away a troublesome swan that used to perch on the top or provide an uncomfortable landing for a hapless German parachutist. 81 05 14a

1982 04 20

Newmarket Library is the first in the area to run a video lending library with 200 cassettes on offer at £1.95 per night. But Andrew McCulloch of Arbury Court who rents 1,000 films says although people have now got a video, or a thinking of getting, one business is not booming. An advertiser in the News offers 'adult' films for sale at £30, sent out in plain cardboard boxes. 82 04 20b

1982 05 27

One of Cambridge's first self-service grocery stores, Traylen's of Newmarket Road, is to concentrate on the butchery side of its business. Before the War the shop had its own slaughterhouse on the premises and cattle were driven along the streets from the market. But the opening of Elizabeth Way, increasing traffic and parking restrictions mean customers have found it hard to get to the store. 82 05 27

1982 07 16

An Aladdin's cave of curious dusty lots comes under the hammer as former stage props are auctioned off at the old Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road, Cambridge. There's a glorious throne, the prow of a sailing ship and a pair of giant Corinthian columns, most of which have appeared at the Arts Theatre, which owns the building. It is said the Festival has a ghost – an old woman who was brought in to die after being run down by a horse and cart which bolted when delivering scenery. Dame Flora Robson wrote of meeting her. 82 07 16

1982 09 16

Cambridge isn't an easy place for a couple to buy a house for the first time. The average purchase price is around £22,000 which means finding a deposit of £2,500 and with mortgage interest rates of 12 per cent over 25 years would cost £148.82 a month after tax relief. Currently a modernised Victorian house in Newmarket Road is on sale for £22,250 and a two-bedroomed, centrally-heated house in Stanley Road costs £21,500. 82 09 16 & a

1983 06 29

Charles Wells, the Bedford brewers, are planning to set up a micro-brewery as part of the Ancient Druids public house which is due to open in Napier Street on the edge of the Grafton Centre in 1984. The brewery will be quite small and will brew beer for consumption in the house. It will mean the return of brewing to Cambridge which once had numerous breweries including five or six on Newmarket Road. 83 06 29 p3

1983 08 30

Four major car parks on the outskirts of Cambridge linked to the city centre by a frequent park-and-ride bus service are suggested in a new report aimed at sorting out the city's traffic tangles. They are on fields at Barton Road, a small piece of disused land between the bypass interchange at Histon Road, allotment land near Newmarket Road cemetery and the old Cattle Market site at Cherry Hinton Road. It also proposes extensive residents-only parking schemes with a tightening-up of long-term parking in the city centre. 83 08 30 p1

1983 09 26

The Carioca Club in Newmarket Road is today a burnt-out shell after fire was started in three different parts of the building. The entire contents were destroyed and walls and floors wrecked. Police say an 'inflammable liquid' was poured over materials in the building to start the blaze. 'Racks' night club which has 450 members is now looking for a temporary venue. The Carioca was originally a chapel and was used as a furniture depot before it became a night-club in 1978. 83 09 26 p1

1983 12 08

Beer at 1930s prices attracted drinkers when the Burleigh Arms, Newmarket Road, re-opened. It had been closed for six months while the front wall was rebuilt and the two bars redecorated. It now has a 1930s theme deliberately chosen in an attempt to go up-market and attract shoppers from the new Grafton Centre. The Zebra and the Bird in Hand have also been revamped. 83 12 08 p6

1983 12 29

Britain has about 75,000 pubs but experts say the number will have dropped by 10,000 by the end of the century. Six Cambridge pubs have closed in the last ten years and most were knocked down and redeveloped. The Rose in Rose Crescent is the only one still standing with its basement now housing Flambards wine bar. The Bun Shop went after years spent in splendid isolation as the Lion Yard was built, The King William IV in Newmarket Road was flattened as was the Prince Albert in Chesterton. The Ancient Druids and Old English Gentleman were demolished as part of the Kite clearance. 83 12 29 p12

1984 02 11

Motorists are set to cash in on the latest petrol-cuttings war, and could be paying as little as £1.73 a gallon as the oil companies slash prices to win custom. Some of the cheapest prices are to be found in Hypermarkets but along Newmarket Road, where there is a heavy concentration of filling stations, prices have already taken a knock. At Marshall's four pence has come off the price at the pumps and Jet's prices have fallen to £1.78 for 4-star. 84 02 11 p1

1984 03 15

A security man delivering wages to the Cambridge News offices in Newmarket Road was confronted by two armed men wearing balaclavas as he stepped out of a lift on the second floor of the building. They pressed a chloroform-soaked rag on his face before taking a black security bag containing wages of over £8,000. The men, who were wearing boiler suits, then walked calmly down the stairs and out of the front door. 84 03 15 p1

1984 03 27

West's, the motor dealers, celebrates a special 25th anniversary of their association with Renault cars. Having developed their one acre site on Newmarket Road into a glittering glass-walled showroom they have stayed true to the French company and are looking forward to the next 25 years with them.

The business began with Sidney and Ethel West operating a small vehicle tuning workshop in Gloucester Street 55 years ago. They now employ 64 people. 84 03 27

1984 06 16

The view from the top flats of The Maltings, off Newmarket Road, is splendid. The new building, on the site of the old Star Brewery, overlooks Midsummer Common and the River Cam. But it is costing buyers £68,500 - £6,000 more than others in the development. All of the 50 units have been sold in eight months. It is one of the better Cambridge housing developments with communal gardens, cycle stand and 'car lodges'. 84 06 16 p12

1984 10 03

Darwin Instruments, the Cambridge educational supply company which two years ago won a £37 million Mexican export order, has opened its new headquarters. It has completely refurbished the Old Paper Mills on the corner of Newmarket Road and Ditton Walk which two years ago was completely derelict. 84 10 03 p13

1984 12 29

The Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road, which dates back to 1808, is one of the oldest in the country. It still has many original fittings including what is probably the oldest revolving stage in the country. In 1878 it became an evangelistic mission with religious texts painted on the stalls. Some still survive and may be part of a new permanent display which will feature other memorabilia including a scrapbook of cuttings when it was rebuilt by Terence Gray in 1926. During WWII the building was used for storage by the RAF and is currently the Arts Theatre wardrobe and scenery workshop. 84 12 29

1985 03 11

A major shake-up to cope with the forecast massive increase in Cambridge traffic has been unveiled by the County Council. It suggests an underground car park at the Butts Green end of Midsummer Common and a new road following the main railway line with a new bridge over the Cam. There could be reconstruction of a number of major road junctions including East Road - Newmarket Road and at Hyde Park Corner with widening of dual carriageways and new cycleways. A park-and-ride system of new car parks linked to the centre by frequent buses is also proposed 85 03 11

1985 05 10

Cygnus Studios, the Cambridge theatre workshop, is closing and the magic props and gadgets painstakingly made by Philip Bond for productions throughout the country and abroad are to be auctioned off. It will mark the end of another chapter in the mixed fortunes of the Festival Theatre on Newmarket Road which closed its doors to productions in 1938 and was bought by Cambridge's Arts Theatre. Now an axe and block, complete with severed head, a stuffed stoat and a thunder sheet to rival the Gods will go under the auctioneer's hammer 85 05 10a

1985 08 08

Cambridge could soon get a third new supermarket competing with Tesco at Bar Hill, Sainsburys in Coldham's Lane and the Beehive complex off Newmarket Road. Asda plans to build a huge new complex on Milton Road opposite the Arbury and King's Hedges housing estates. It would take up almost half of the Cambridge Business Park and include a 750-space car park 85 08 08

1985 08 21

One of Cambridge's oldest family butcher's is closing. Derek Traylen's grandfather opened the first shop in Newmarket Road 113 years ago. They had their own slaughterhouse until 1937 and ran three butcher's vans that toured the villages. Derek started in 1938 and is one of the few people in the business who can rear animals, slaughter them, dress them, cut and prepare them, advise people about them and cook them. But people now buy pre-packed meat in supermarkets 85 08 21

1985 11 22

The Carioca Club on Newmarket Road is finally being demolished after years of doubt about its future. It was built in the 1870s as a Methodist Chapel but with falling attendances it was a financial embarrassment and as early as 1909 there was talk of selling it. In 1941 it became a furniture storage depot and was turned into a nightclub and disco in 1976 with a take-away kebab shop. But it was gutted by fire in 1983 and never reopened. 85 11 22

1985 12 02

After more than a century of almost unremitting dreariness the Methodist Tabernacle in Newmarket Road is being pulled down. The hideous old bulk of a chapel wore sunlight like a shroud. The foundation stone was laid in 1876 but within 14 years the congregation shrank and in 1909 there was talk of selling it. It struggled on and in 1941 was given over to the storage of furniture. Later it became the Carioca nightclub and its face daubed with appalling blue and orange paint. Worse was to come: the lower part was turned into a take-away kebab joint. Fire gutted the old pile in 1983 and its doors finally closed for ever 85 12 02b

1985 12 18

Robert Sitton and Alfred Mothersole commenced business on the Newmarket Road in 1945 repairing and refurbishing motor vehicles. They moved to Abbey Street in 1952 and from there to premises at the corner of Coldham's Lane and Henley Road in 1973. They were the first in Cambridgeshire to install a stoving oven for the refinishing of car paintwork. 85 12 18a

1987 02 16

Intercell, the distinctive smoked glass building on the corner of Newmarket Road and Coldham's Lane, is to become home to a firm specialising in printed circuits. Work on the building, initially called the Zigzag, started in October 1985. Designed by Cambridge firm Roger Perrin Architects for a high-tech company wanting a high profile it features air-conditioning, anti-static carpet and a lift together with parking for 47 cars. 87 02 16

1987 02 27

Cambridge United are aiming to build a major office complex at the Abbey Stadium in a bid to win their battle for soccer survival. The idea is to provide office space over the car park adjoining Newmarket Road which would produce £30,000 a year. Other options are to seek help from the city council or consider part-time football. Chairman David Ruston told shareholders that he might quit unless the club's cash position improves. 87 02 27

1987 09 03

Temporary traffic lights at the junction of Elizabeth Way roundabout with Newmarket Road and East Road have been switched on in an experiment to ease rush-hour congestion. 87 09 03

1987 09 14

Developers are eying-up property in Newmarket Road. They have approached Greene King about acquiring the Seven Stars, Corner House, Five Bells, Rose and Crown and Bird in Hand public houses. Already Eastern Gas has sold off more than three acres of the former gas works and the disused Chapman and Arber scrap yard has also attracted interest. Gray's the tobacconist has sold up, Jack Reynold's sweet shop closes next month and Grosvenor will soon start work on the old Carioca nightclub site which will house offices and small businesses 87 09 14b

1987 10 14

Jack Reynolds, rock maker and confectioner, is to retire after 40 years in the rock business. His father, James, was known as 'The Rock King' whose stall at the fairs on Midsummer Common was a familiar sight. Jack opened a shop on Newmarket Road about 1947 and has lived in the area all his life. The road has changed a lot; when he came there were houses in Occupation Road and several businesses have disappeared. He no longer makes his own rock but his son and grandson are carrying on the family name. 87 10 14a

1988 03 02

Mr 'Jimmy' Wild was a law student at Sidney Sussex College 75 years ago but in 1914 volunteered to go to the front. He returned to practice law in Cambridge in 1934 renting an office opposite Emmanuel College. Three years later he employed a young assistant, Roy Hewitson and the business flourished, moving to Sidney Street where they were joined by Peter Shaw. It is now one of the largest legal firms in East Anglia and has just relocated to Shakespeare House on Newmarket Road with a team of 23 partners and over 100 staff. 88 03 02a

1988 09 10

Computers are the key weapon in the 'News' battle against deadlines. Previously crucial minutes were lost while journalists' stories were re-set into type by other staff. Now writing and typesetting can be done by one person. The process begins at 7.30 am each day. The newsdesk – run by the news editor, the assistant news editor, the chief reporter and an editorial assistant – decide on the best stories and brief the 15 reporters based in Newmarket Road and another eight in district officers. Stories flood in from every source imaginable and more than 100 press releases and letters are received each day 88 09 10 & a

1989 03 16

Cambridge Brickworks on Newmarket Road – memories of Hilda Swann – 89 03 16c 1989 04 18  
The Zebra a good, solid, 1930s pub in Newmarket Road has been given a facelift. But rather than being 'tarted up' the 30s atmosphere has been retained and even improved with a stylish dark red and cream colour scheme. Originally it consisted of three small rooms but now it boasts one large bar and customers can move freely through the different areas. The landlords aim to turn it back into a traditional town pub where people can have a drink and meet their friends. 89 04 18a

1989 08 05

The Government has rejected plans for a massive office block at Mitcham's Corner. But there is still a steady trade in office space. Those in old buildings without car park parking space are difficult to shift. But bright new ones are easier to find. In Rose Crescent an 18-year lease is going for £65,000 and an eight-room office in Hobson Street is £15,000 a year. Kett House is under offer and an office above the Midland Bank has just been let while in Newmarket Road is a brand new Stourbridge Common Business Centre 89 08 05

1989 10 03

A light railway system running in a tunnel under Midsummer Common is the latest official suggestion to help solve traffic problems in the centre of Cambridge. It would be an alternative to a line running down a widened section of Newmarket Road. The underground railway would link with a number of other lines from surrounding villages as far out as Fenstanton and terminate at a station in Malcolm Street. The County Council will invest £60,000 to see if a car park under Midsummer Common is feasible and another £150,000 in a feasibility study for a 60-mph light rail system. 89 10 03a

1989 10 17

Work has begun to turn the CEN into the most advanced newspaper in East Anglia. By 1991 the News will be printed on a full-colour German press, the first in Britain, at a state-of-the-art press complex at Milton. It will include a paper store, press hall, four storey administration and engineering support block and a despatch area. A separate building will allow the company to service its own vehicles. Editorial, advertising, circulation and administration teams will remain at the head office in Newmarket Road. 89 10 27

1989 12 12

Sir Arthur Marshall to retire – profile. His father set up a de luxe car hire service in Brunswick Terrace in 1909, opening garages in King Street and Jesus Lane. In 1912 carried petrol to Beta II airship which landed in grounds Jesus College. Bought first aircraft at Fowlmere in 1919. Got pilot's

licence 1929 & bought a Gipsy Moth. Opened landing field behind house in Newmarket Road – 89 12 12b, c

1990 01 17

Barnwell Pit and lake, off Newmarket Road may be bought by the city council and turned into an amenity area. Environmental improvements would include removing large amounts of rubbish, enhancing the wildlife habitats and fishing facilities, tree planting and landscaping. The pit stands between the Cambridge to Ely railway line and the back of an industrial estate. Planners have refused applications for a restaurant and boating facilities saying there would be traffic problems and that wildlife would be seriously harmed 90 01 17a

1990 03 13

University Audio founder Gruffydd Reece started University Cameras in St Mary's Passage after leaving the RAF in 1945. The business expanded and he opened Fencolour Laboratories in Newmarket Road, one of the first to offer colour developing and printing for amateurs. He was later joined by his brother Hugh and cousin Bryan Hyam who started University Audio in Peas Hill – 90 03 13

1990 05 22

West's of Cambridge founded 65 years ago; started Gloucester Street in 1925, moved Newmarket Road when took Renault dealership 1959 – 90 05 22a

1990 10 09

Newmarket Road, one of the ugliest should be left an eyesore – 90 10 09b